
THE TRUTH HERALD

Experiencing the Love and Power of Christ



1 - May you have the power to understand as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. (Eph. 3: 18 -20, NLT)

The Bible tells us that the breadth, length, height and depth of God's love far surpass human understanding. At the same time however, our limited understanding of God's love does not limit our experience of His love -- in Christ. As we experience the love of Christ, we are made complete with the fullness of life and power that comes from God. And this power, God's Holy Spirit, enables us to understand, increasingly, the love of God. It is encouraging to know that we can experience the fullness of God's love without fully understanding it, and that as we experience God's love, we are made complete and obtain the power needed to understand the fullness of His love.

2 - Now all glory to God, who is able through His mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. (Eph. 3:20)

God's mighty power at work within us, i.e., God's Holy Spirit, is able to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. As we walk in Christ and yield our will over to Him, exchanging our will for God's will, we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us. The Holy Spirit is able to accomplish infinitely more than we might understand, ask or think. *Walk with Christ and ask Him to have His way.*

3 - Glory to Him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever. (Eph. 3:21)

God's glory is shown in Christ (the head) and the church (the body). The Bible tells us that God's goal is to fill the universe with Himself. "And the same one who descended is the one who ascended higher than all the heavens, so that He might fill the entire universe with Himself." (Eph. 4:10). "And the church is His body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with Himself." (Eph. 1:23). Christ fills all things everywhere with Himself, permissibly. We simply have to ask. We don't have to beg. We don't have to worry about whether He may or may not fill us when we ask. We don't have to wonder whether He has heard us. We don't have to wonder whether we have prayed hard enough. *His goal is to fill the entire universe with Himself.* With trust in His faithfulness, we ask and receive. Do you want Christ to fill you? *Ask Him, receive His infilling and thank Him for it.*

4 - Since you have heard about Jesus and learned the truth that comes from Him, put off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. Put on your new nature, created to be like God - truly righteous and holy. (Eph. 4:21-24).

Let the Holy Spirit (that is, by your will, let the Holy Spirit) renew your thoughts and attitudes, on a day-to-day, moment-by-moment basis. That is how you put on your new nature, created to be like God -- truly righteous and holy. The Holy Spirit will help you to be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love (Eph. 4:2b). The Holy Spirit will help you to walk in Christ and you will see more love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (i.e., fruit) in your life. The seed of walking with the Holy Spirit produces the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Gal. 5:22-23). Ask the Holy Spirit to help you more and more in your daily life and experience more of the fruit of the Spirit in your life.

5 - Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. (James 4:8a, NKJV)

The quality of your relationship with God is in your hands. His work is finished (John 19:10). His boundless love expressed in Christ has made a way for each of His created ones to be reconciled to Him. Do you want to grow closer to God? Do you want a deeper understanding of His love? The way to understand God more is to walk with Him, to walk with the Holy Spirit on a day-to-day basis. It is to cede your will over to Him, that is, to put on the new man. Then you will harvest the fruit of the Holy Spirit as He guides your thoughts and actions each day. As we walk with Him, we experience more of Him and come to know Him better, that is, He draws closer to us. He gives us power to understand the fullness of His love (Eph. 3:18). He gives us power to become the children of God (John 1:12). *Determine to draw closer to Him, that is, to walk closer with the Holy Spirit on a daily basis.*

6 - Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen. (Eph. 3:20-21, NKJV).

The Holy Spirit works in us as we invite and permit Him to do so. His workings are not limited to what we can understand or ask; they far exceed anything we can think or ask. It is encouraging news that our limited ability to *understand* does not limit our ability to *experience* God's amazing grace and favor. His goal is to fill us with Himself. His goal is to fill the entire universe with Himself. *Embrace this truth and walk in the freedom of His love and power.* Glory to God in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.