1. Introduction 14-15
   1. Refers back to first verse of ch 3
   2. Father is used much more for God in the NT than in the O T
   3. He shows the greatness of God
      1. All families depend on Him
      2. Praying to a big God, whose influence as Father extends over every family in the universe
   4. You learn a lot by seeing what a person prays for
      1. Their chief anxieties and ambitions
      2. There is so much we don’t have because we don’t pray big enough
2. Requests in the prayer 16-19
   1. Strengthened with power in the inner man
      1. According to the riches of His glory
         1. This gives the measure of the strength
         2. In a scale commensurate with His glory; according to the infinite nature of His glory
         3. God gives strength according to His resources: a heavenly Fort Knox!
      2. Strengthened with power is forceful
         1. So that they would be able to fight spiritual battles
         2. Withstand in the day of temptation
         3. To be able to preach boldly
         4. In the inner man: He wants them to have inner strength
   2. Christ will dwell in our hearts through faith
      1. Dwell is to settle down and take up permanent abode; make His home
      2. By faith: Christ does not barge into a person’s life unwanted
      3. Christ being in us: see Rom 8:10; 2 Cor 13:5; Gal 2:20; 4:19
         1. He is at the center of our life and rules over all
         2. He takes out the trash and reforms the décor to suit His tastes
         3. He becomes the dominating factor in our attitude and conduct
         4. We think about Him all the time, have same attitude toward people and things that He has, want to please Him
         5. Character of Christ rules our life
   3. Rooted and grounded in love
      1. Combines agriculture and architecture
      2. Be empowered to grasp the dimensions of that love
         1. Breadth: whole world 1:9-10, 20
         2. Length: eternity to eternity 1:4-6, 18; 3:9
         3. Height: raises to heavenly places 2:6
         4. Depth: raises from sin 2:1-5; 6:11-12
      3. With all the saints: something we learn together
      4. Too enormous to comprehend
         1. We are to know the love that surpasses knowledge
         2. To know the unknowable!
   4. Be filled with all the fullness of God
      1. Couldn’t be fuller than that
      2. Experience a greater measure of God’s presence in our lives
3. Appears to be an overly exuberant prayer, but 20-21
   1. His ability to give surpasses our ability to ask or imagine
      1. There is no limit
      2. We cannot out-ask God
      3. We cannot ask too much because neither the boldness of human prayer nor the power of human imagination could circumscribe God’s ability to act
   2. This inexpressible power is at work in us!!! We underestimate God!
4. Conclusion: we need higher goals in our praying!