



Sermon series: I Pray For...  
Text: Ephesians 3:14-21  
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## Praying for Power

**Big Idea: We pray for God's power to take what is really true and make it truly real in our lives.**

**Prayer is a \_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ to take what's true and make it real in our lives. (14-16a)**

1. Prayer should not be disconnected from \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Theology should not be disconnected from \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Prayer \_\_\_\_\_ theology with relationship.

**Pray that your spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ would be your lived \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.16-17)**

1. Pray for an \_\_\_\_\_ of your identity.

"To be found in Christ means you don't have to prove yourself anymore. Your frantic attempts to find or craft an acceptable identity, or your tireless work to manage your own reputation – these are over and done. You can rest. When God looks at you, he sees you hidden in Christ. This is freedom. This is confidence. This is good, good news!" -Rankin Wilbourne

2. Pray for a \_\_\_\_\_ according to your identity.

**Pray for a \_\_\_\_\_ personal \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' love. (vs.17-19)**

1. Reason for the Prayer: Christ's love is our \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.17)
2. Result of the Prayer: Growth in spiritual \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.19)
3. Request of the Prayer: To experience the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ love of Christ. (vs.18-19)

What are the dangers of basing truth simply on what we feel? What are the dangers of only seeking to fill our heads with what is true?

What are some truths in the Bible (about God, yourself, Christ, the future, etc) that you believe but that you struggle to truly feel?

What are ways that you have seen your knowledge of scripture change or shape the way that you pray?



*Is it easier for you to spend time reading the Bible or spend time praying? Why do you think that is?*

*Why is it good news that you are in Christ and Christ is in you? What is it about this identity that fills you with hope, joy, and peace?*

*What are some of the reasons it's so easy to forget that your identity is in Christ? What tends to happen in your life when you start to forget this?*

*Take some time to read Ephesians 4:17-31 and Colossians 3:5-17. These passages give us a picture of the spiritual renovation God can and wants to do in our lives through the power of His Spirit. Consider taking some time to just pray through these lists. Or make note of 1 or 2 ways that you want to see God renovate your life and pray for that.*

*What are some of the ways you have come to more fully experience the love of Christ in your life? What has helped a head knowledge of Christ's love for you become more of an experiential knowledge?*

*Why is it important for us to pray that we would experience more of the love of Christ? How can you make this a prayer for yourself, your family, and others in the coming weeks?*