

“Prayer for Indwelling Glory” (Ephesians 3:14–21)

Introduction: Remember what had originally prompted this prayer. (Ephesians 2:13–22; 3:1)

Big Idea: The apostle prays that the triune God’s glory will dwell within the church.

I. The Content of the Prayer

- a. An Attitude of Abasement before Our Father (verses 14–15)

1 Kings 8:22–23, 27–29, 54

- b. An Intercession for Inner Power through His Spirit (verse 16)

2 Corinthians 4:16

- c. The Result of Christ’s Indwelling through Our Faith (verse 17a)

- d. The Consequence of Maturing Insight into Christ’s Love (verses 17b–19a)

Romans 5:5–11

- e. The Goal of a Temple Filled with God’s Glory (verse 19b)

Ephesians 1:22–23; 4:10–13; 5:18; Exodus 40:34–35; 2 Chronicles 7:1–3; Ezekiel 43:4–7a; 2 Corinthians 3:7–9, 18; John 14:15–23; Isaiah 4:5–6

- f. The Doxology to Almighty God in Christ and His Church (verses 20–21)

II. The Impact of the Prayer

- a. Our Apprehension of the Triune God

- b. Our Approach to Intercessory Prayer

- c. Our Approach to Christian Virtue

Romans 7:18–19; John 15:1–11; Matthew 23:25–28; Revelation 3:14–20