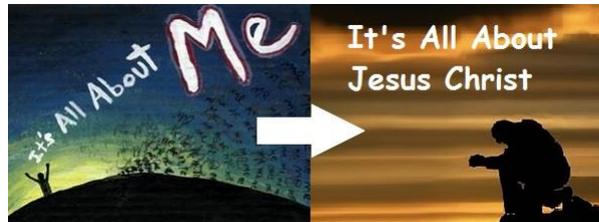


Immeasurably More Ephesians 3: 14-21
Paul's prayer for spiritual growth
for the Ephesians and others,
written while he was in prison in Rome.

More?

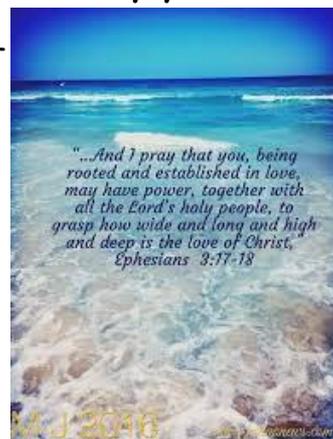


¹⁴ When I think of all this (God's plan to spread the gospel across the nations and build a strong church), I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, ¹⁵ the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. (NLT)

Paul's prayer is summed up in the words of the song *More love, More power* and remains relevant for our church today.

More love - to worship with all of my heart

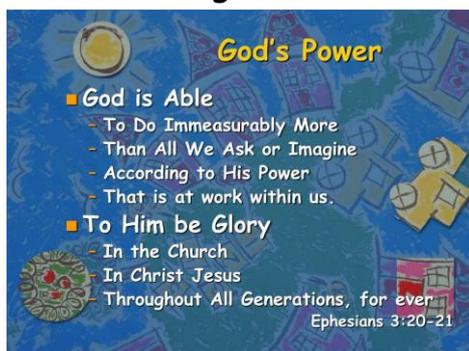
¹⁷ Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. ¹⁸ And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. ¹⁹ May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. NLT



More power - to serve with all of my strength

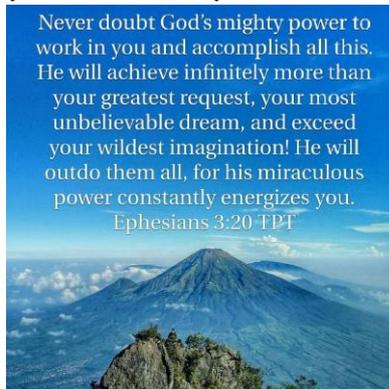
¹⁶ I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. ... Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

²⁰ 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. (NLT)



Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you.

Ephesians 3:20 TPT



More wisdom - to understand with all of my mind

¹⁶ And I pray that he would unveil within you the unlimited riches of his glory and favour ... ¹⁸⁻¹⁹ Then you will be empowered to discover ... the great magnitude of the astonishing love of Christ in all its dimensions. ... Endless love beyond measurement that transcends our understanding ... ²⁰ He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination. (TPT)



More of You, Jesus, Holy Spirit living in me

¹⁶ **I pray** that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power **through his Spirit in your inner being**, ¹⁷ so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**. And **I pray** that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power **to grasp** how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and **to know** this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (NIV)



Paul's prayer and ours

- Invite Jesus into our life
- Move from darkness into light
- Be filled with Holy Spirit
- Know His presence
- Experience His love and power
- Follow in His ways

Our God of grace promises 'immeasurably more'.
Where do we go from here?

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do **immeasurably more** than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

- Give thanks every day
- Give God the glory and worship Him
- Be expectant and look for new things
- Pray and listen together for guidance
- Be prepared to step forward in faith



⁶ Sow your seed in the morning, (Eccl 11) and at evening let your hands not be idle, for you do not know which will succeed, whether this or that, or whether both will do equally well.(NIV)