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Ephesians 3: 17 - 19

“So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the LORD's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

In this passage of scripture, Paul explains how he prays for the followers of Jesus Christ. He is actively praying for their complete spiritual maturity. This will be accomplished in three ways:

We will be filled up with all the fullness of God, and we will be able to comprehend the infinite dimensions of Christ's love; Through Christ's dwelling in our hearts through faith we will be rooted and grounded in love; And finally God would grant to us strength and power through His Spirit.

How do we show our love toward Christ? It is one thing to fall in love, but it is another thing to sustain it and cause it to grow deeper over the years. It requires focus and effort. You come to know it at salvation, but you've got to work at growing to know him and his love in deeper and deeper ways.

I know that I need to continue my walk to spiritual maturity. The promises I made at my confirmation when I was 13 are still the promises I try to keep today, I choose to honor God by my prayers, my presence ,my gifts, my witness and my service.

I know that it is important for me to participate in corporate worship with fellow believers, and also private worship by having my special time each morning with God. I enjoy and learn from Bible study in a Sunday School class, I take time each morning in prayer and meditation by using The Upper Room and a 365 day devotional book, currently Sarah Young's "Jesus Calling." These practices feed my soul so that I can have the power to follow the commands of Jesus to love God, love and serve others and encourage others to grow to spiritual maturity. Knowing Christ's love is a never ending process, because it is unknowable.

So we should join with Paul in pressing on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus; live there and you will grow to spiritual maturity.

Prayer Focus: How am I practicing the tools to Christian spiritual maturity?

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