

THE LIMITLESS LOVE OF GOD

EPHESIANS 3:17-19

CHURCH GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE – JANUARY 18, 2026

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21 (ESV)

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION

What does spiritual complacency look like? In other words, what are signs that a believer has made peace with not accessing the heavenly riches that are available to them, now and always, in and through Jesus Christ?

SERMON RECAP

Many believers have made peace with not accessing the riches that are ours. For example, we might have grown comfortable with knowing facts about God, going to church, and being spiritually dry. We may not hunger for the Lord's presence, approach him with a sense of expectancy, or know him as our ultimate source of joy.

Yet, there is so much more that is available to us. What is this “more?”

- Christian, you have been rooted and grounded in the limitless love of God. (Eph 3:17b; cf. John 17:20-23, esp. 23d)
- Christian, you are invited to grasp the limitless love of God.
 - You are invited to grasp the limitless love of God by praying humbly.
 - You are invited to grasp the limitless love of God by praying meditatively.
 - You are invited to grasp the limitless love of God by praying communally.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Observation: What does this passage say?

1. Read Ephesians 3:14-21 aloud as a group. Before interpreting or applying the passage, share observations about it.
 - For important context, read Ephesians 1:3-14.
 - Who is the subject of this passage? (Eph 1:3a)
 - What does this passage indicate he has done? (Eph 1:3b-10)
 - What does this passage indicate believers have received through his work? (Eph 1:3b-14)
 - By what means have believers received these gifts? (Eph 1:3-14)
 - What nuances in the meaning of today's passage might this context offer?
2. How would you explain or summarize the main point of today's passage in your own words?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. Consider and discuss the possible meaning and staggering implications of each element of Paul's prayer in verses 17-19. He prayed --
 - “... that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith ...” (Eph 3:17a)
 - “... that you, being rooted and grounded in love ...” (Eph 3:17b)
 - “... [that you] may have strength to comprehend with all the saints ...” (Eph 3:18a)



- “... [to comprehend] what is the breadth and length and height and depth ...” (Eph 18b)
- “... [that you] know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge ...” (Eph 3:19a)
- “... that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.” (Eph 19b)

2. What stands out to you most as you read and consider today’s passage?

Application: How can we apply this passage to our lives?

1. How might spiritual complacency look in your life? Where are you tempted to doubt the depths of God’s love for you? Who would you be, and how might your life be different, if you knew and trusted the fullness of God’s love for you? (cf. Prov 3:5-6)
2. How might you more fully grasp God’s love for you? Complete and pray the following sentence: “Lord, because your love is great, give me the strength to grasp your love with _____.”
 - It could be that you need to grasp God’s love in your discontentment.
 - It could be that you need to grasp God’s love in your anger.
 - It could be that you need to grasp God’s love in your dryness.
 - It could be that you need to grasp God’s love in your illness.
 - It could be that you need to grasp God’s love in your fear.
3. How might you grasp God’s love together with and through others in Christ’s body? For example–
 - With others, how might you grasp the breadth of his love for every nation, tribe, and tongue (e.g., for those who may be far from you; for those who may be different from you)?
 - With others, how might you grasp the length of his love, which extends through the duration of your life and exceeds the duration of your sin?
 - With others, how might you grasp the height of his love, the love that saved you, raised you up, and seated you in heavenly places in Christ Jesus? (Eph 2:5-6)
 - With others, how might you grasp the depth of his love, which knows no boundaries? (cf. Psa 139:8, 12; Isa 40:27-31, 59:1; John 3:13, 16-17)