

“It Depends on Who It’s According To”

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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.

1. Beware of your Christian faith being based on simply intellectual knowledge. (v. 14-16)

*Enlightenment leads to enablement which leads to experience (v. 14-16)

*Inside leads to the outside (v. 14-16)

2. The true knowledge of Him is unattainable without love. (.v.17-19)

3. It is possible to understand something but not really make it your own (v. 17-19)
4. Apprehending and comprehending are the ultimate reasons a Christian needs God's power/strength, not personal fulfillment (v.18)
5. We must get to the place where His power and love are not a luxuries but a necessities! (v. 19)

6. It is tragic when Christians measure themselves with the wrong devices. The true measure is: FULLNESS (v. 19)

7. A true experience of his presence means there is also evidence of His power (v. 20)

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9. The greater ministry of the church is ahead. (v. 21)