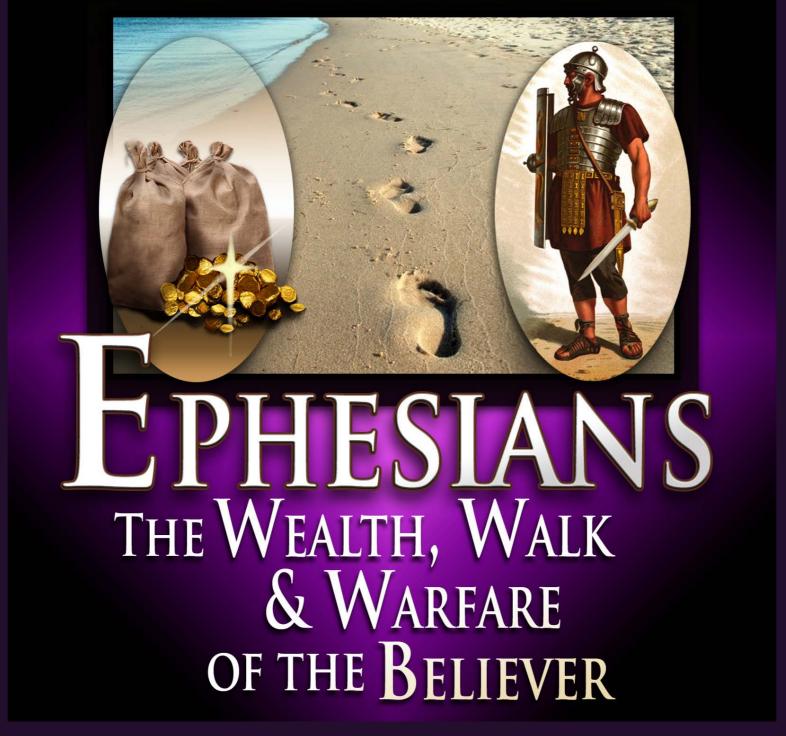
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To Know the Love of Christ Ephesians 3:19

Staircase to Maturity

- 5. Ultimate result: so that they might be spiritually mature reflecting the love of Christ in their lives. Eph. 3:17b–19a
- 4. Purpose: so that they can begin to comprehend the immensity of Christ's love for them. Eph. 3:17b–19a
- 3. Result: so that Christ would make His home in them. Eph. 3:17a
- 2. He prays that the Father would use the H.S. to strengthen them in their sp. life. Eph. 3:16
- 1. Paul prays to the Father of the LJC. Eph. 3:14

Eph. 3:17, "[First result] that Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,"

κατοικέω, *katoikeō*aor act infin
"to settle, dwell, inhabit, make your home in, to colonize"

Two causal perfect tense participles:

"because you have already been completely rooted and grounded by means of love"

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Conclusions from John 15 and Gal. 5:16–26 and Eph. 5

The Command

Abide in Me (the sole and necessary condition) (Jn. 15:1–8)

Walk by means of the Spirit (Gal. 5:16; 22–23)

> Walk in Love, (Eph. 5:2) Walk in Light (Eph. 5:8–9)

The Result

Fruit, More Fruit, Much Fruit

The Fruit of the Spirit [Light in the NU text] Eph. 5:9

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έξισχύω exischuō
2 plur aor act subj
to be able, be
strengthened,
empowered, be
strong enough to ...

καταλαμβάνω katalambanō aor mid infin to grasp, comprehend, understand mentally

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Eph. 1:22, "And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church,

Eph. 1:23, "which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

Col. 1:19, "For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,"

Col. 2:9, "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily;"

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Rom. 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Rom. 8:29, "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."