

# EPHESIANS 3:13-18

LESSON 19

## *An Important Prayer*

### **1. Ephesians 3:12-13 – Boldness and Confidence Unto Bonds**

- a. Boldness & confidence come from knowing something within yourself – 2Ti 1:12, Phi 3:3
- b. This is the place of your strength – this is what Paul prays for. Col 2:2
- c. Col 1:26-28 is a cross reference to Ephesians 3 – perfection is complete – Col 4:12, 3:14
- d. 3:13 – Paul’s tribulation was because of his preaching the mystery – Eph 6:19-20

### **2. Ephesians 3:14-15 – Paul’s Prayer**

- a. Without the word of God and prayer your spiritual life will not succeed
- b. You can tell how you love the Lord by how you pray – 1 Thess 5:17-18, Gal 4:6
- c. 2 Prayers in Ephesians (1:15-23 & 3:14-21) that correspond to Eph 1:3 – God and Father
- d. 1<sup>st</sup> prayer – for light – Ep 1:18, 2Co 4:6, Ge 1:3; 2<sup>nd</sup> prayer for perfection (love)– Col 3:14
- e. 3:15 – “whole family in heaven and earth” – recall the mystery in Eph 1:9-10
- f. The Trinity is found in this prayer as well to the Father by the Spirit through the Son

### **3. Ephesians 3:16-19 – Prayer for Fulness /Perfection**

- a. There is a list of things: look for what he prays to happen (“be” “may be” “might be”)
- b. 1) 3:16 - Inner man strengthened by his Spirit – 2 Cor 4:16-18, Rom 7:22
  - i. You need inner power to succeed – does your power come from Christ? Col 1:9
- c. 2) 3:17 - Christ dwell in your hearts by faith – Col 2:7 – not by any other way.
- d. 3) 3:18 – Comprehend the scope/dimensions – 4 dimensions
  - i. 3 dimensions in the physical world – breadth, length, height
  - ii. In time past the dimensions were described in Acts 17:26, Gen 13:17, Exo, Eze
  - iii. Breath –unto all; Length –eternal purpose; Depth –dwell in you; Height - heaven
- e. 4) 3:19 – Know the love of Christ - Rom 5:8 which is unsearchable Eph 2:7, Eph 3:8
- f. 5) 3:19 – Be filled with all the fullness of God – Col 1:10-11; Gal 5:22