

# Ephesians Series

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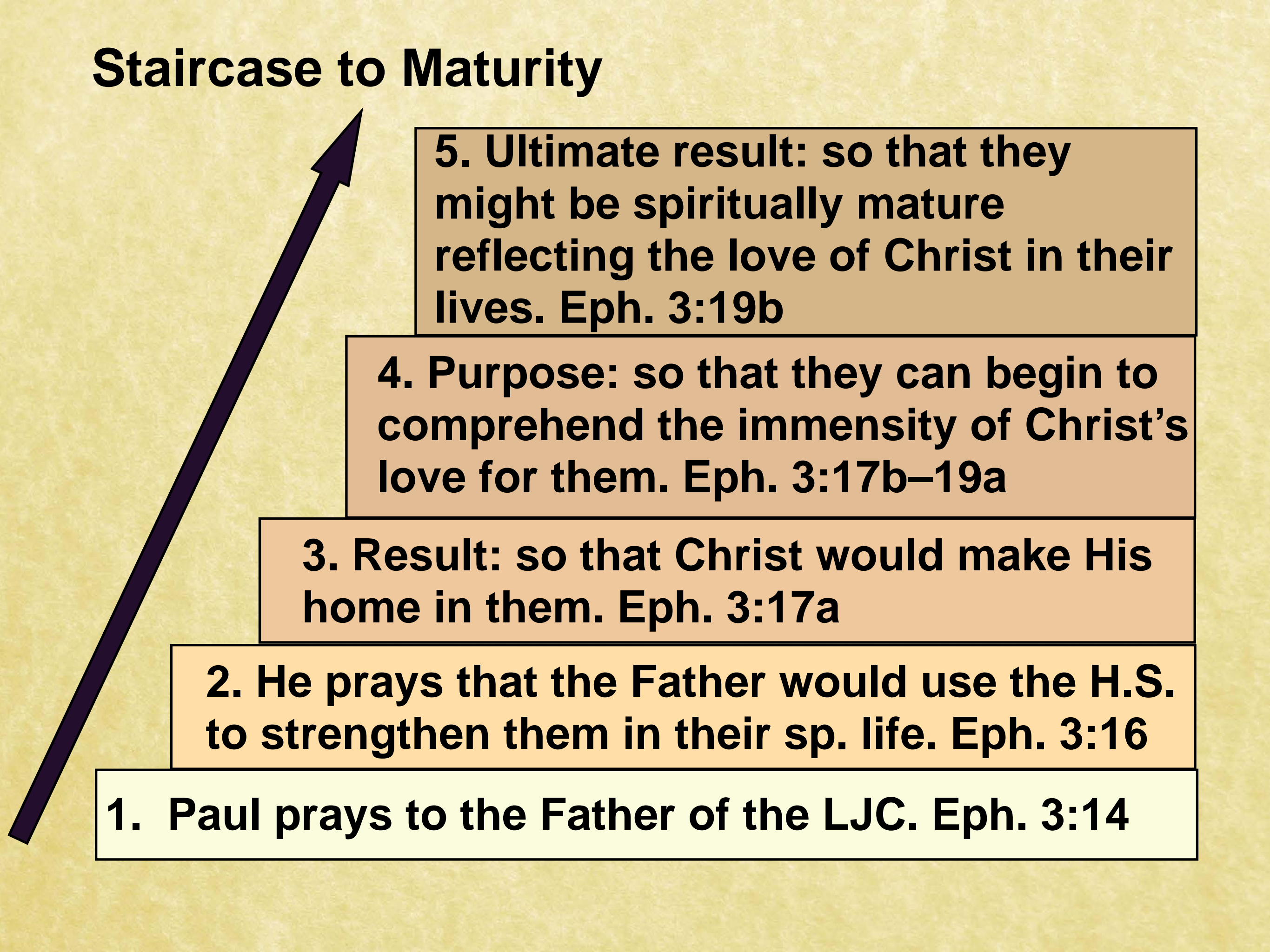


# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER

**Abiding in Christ and He in Us**  
**Ephesians 3:16–17; John 15:1–10**

# Staircase to Maturity



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**4. Purpose: so that they can begin to comprehend the immensity of Christ's love for them. Eph. 3:17b–19a**

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**What the Bible Teaches  
About**

**The Holy Spirit's Ministries  
to the Believer**





**Eph. 3:16, “that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,”**

**διὰ τοῦ πνεύματος**  
*dia tou pneumatos,*  
**“through the Spirit”**  
**“His” is added to identify**  
**it as the Holy Spirit.**  
**Indicates the secondary agent**



# Ministries of God the Holy Spirit

## Permanent at Salvation

**Regeneration: Titus 3:5**

**Indwelling: Rom. 8:9, 11;  
1 Cor. 3:15**

**Sealing: 2 Cor. 1:22;  
Eph. 1:13, 4:30**

**Spiritual Gifts: 1 Cor. 12:11**

**Baptism: Rom. 6:1–3;  
1 Cor. 12:13**

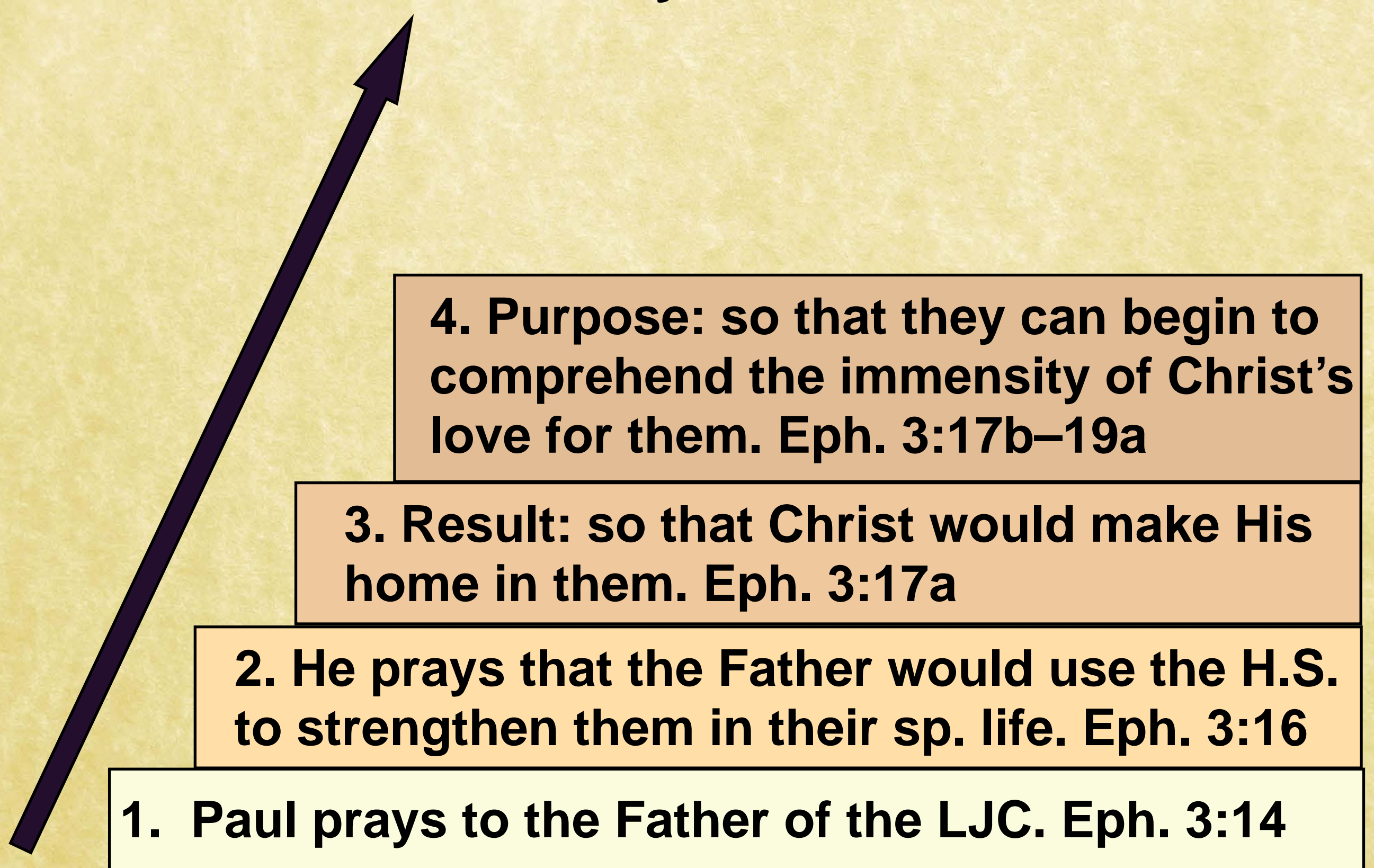
**Intercession: Rom. 8:26**

## Repeated

**Filled by: Eph. 5:18**



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**Two causal perfect tense participles:**

**“because you have already been completely rooted and grounded by means of love”**

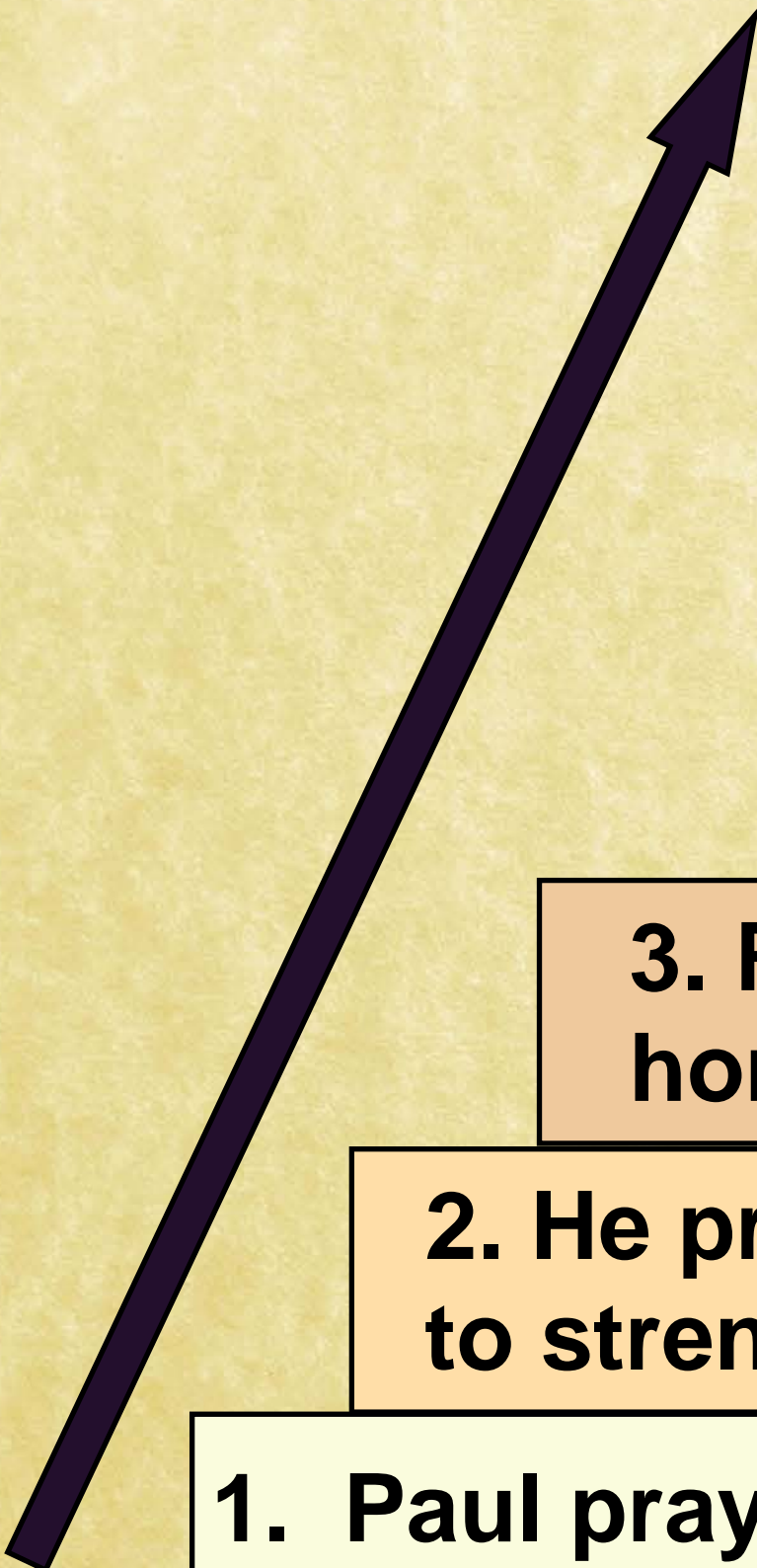


**Eph. 3:18, “may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—**

**Eph. 3:19, “to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”**



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# Ministries of Christ to the Believer

## Permanent at Salvation

Head, authority over all believers:  
Eph. 1:22–23; Col. 1:18

High Priest: Heb. 2:17, 3:1,  
4:14–15, 6:20, 8:1–2

Intercessor: Heb. 7:25

Gives gifts: Eph. 4:8, 11

Advocate: 1 John 2:1–2

Indwells: Rom. 8:10; 2 Cor. 13:3, 5;  
Gal. 2:20; Col. 1:27

## Repeated

Abide: John 15:4–10



## Indwelling of Christ

**Rom. 8:10, “And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”**

**2 Cor. 13:3, “since you seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, who is not weak toward you, but mighty in you.”**

**2 Cor. 13:5, “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.”**



## Indwelling of Christ

**Gal. 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.**

**Col. 1:27, “To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”**



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**John 15:4, “ ‘Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.**

**John 15:5, “ ‘I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.**

**John 15:6, “ ‘If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.**

**John 15:7, “ ‘If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.’ ”**



**John 15:9, “ ‘As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.”**

**John 15:10, “ ‘If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.’ ”**



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# Questions to Answer

- **What do these key terms mean: “In Him,” “abide,” “taken away?”**
- **To whom was Jesus speaking: those in need of justification or those who needed to be encouraged to bear much fruit?**
- **Are the *all* the branches believers? Or, are the fruit-bearing branches the only believers?**
- **Are there two types of branches or three?**



## Questions to Answer

- **Is the fire of verse 6 a statement of judgment, and if so, does this refer to a judgment in time, the judgment seat of Christ, or the Great White Throne judgment? What is fruit: overt quantifiable activity or internal character transformation?**
- **How is fruit produced, is this conditioned only on the vinedresser or on both the vinedresser and the branch?**
- **Is the fructification of the branch inevitable or the indirect and unavoidable consequence of abiding (meaning either salvation or fellowship)?**
- **Finally, what are the theological implications?**



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**καθαρός *katharos*  
masc plur nom  
clean, ritually  
clean, cleansed of  
sin, indicating  
justification-  
salvation, John 13**



**John 13:10, “Jesus said to him [Peter], ‘He who is bathed (*louo* “fully washed”) needs only to wash [*nipto* “partial washing”) his feet, but is completely clean (“*kathoros*”); and you (pl) are clean (pl), but not all of you.’ ”**

**(John 13:11, “For He knew who would betray Him; therefore He said, ‘You are not all clean.’”)**

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**Washing feet = symbol for forgiveness  
“If I forgive your sins, then you also ought to forgive one another’s sins”**



**John 13:34, “ ‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.**

**John 13:35, “ ‘By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.’ ”**