

Ephesians Series

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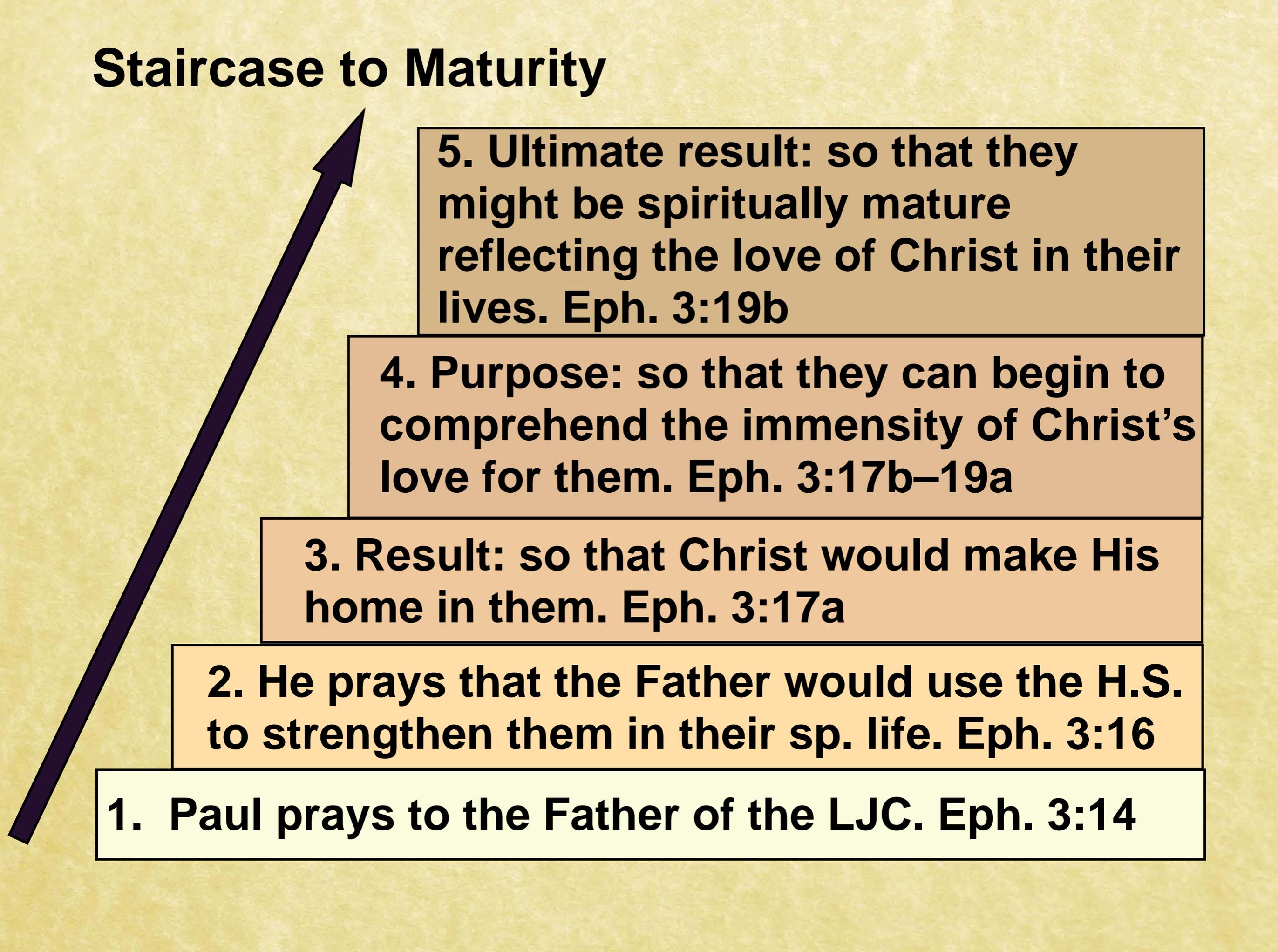


EPHESIANS

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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**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

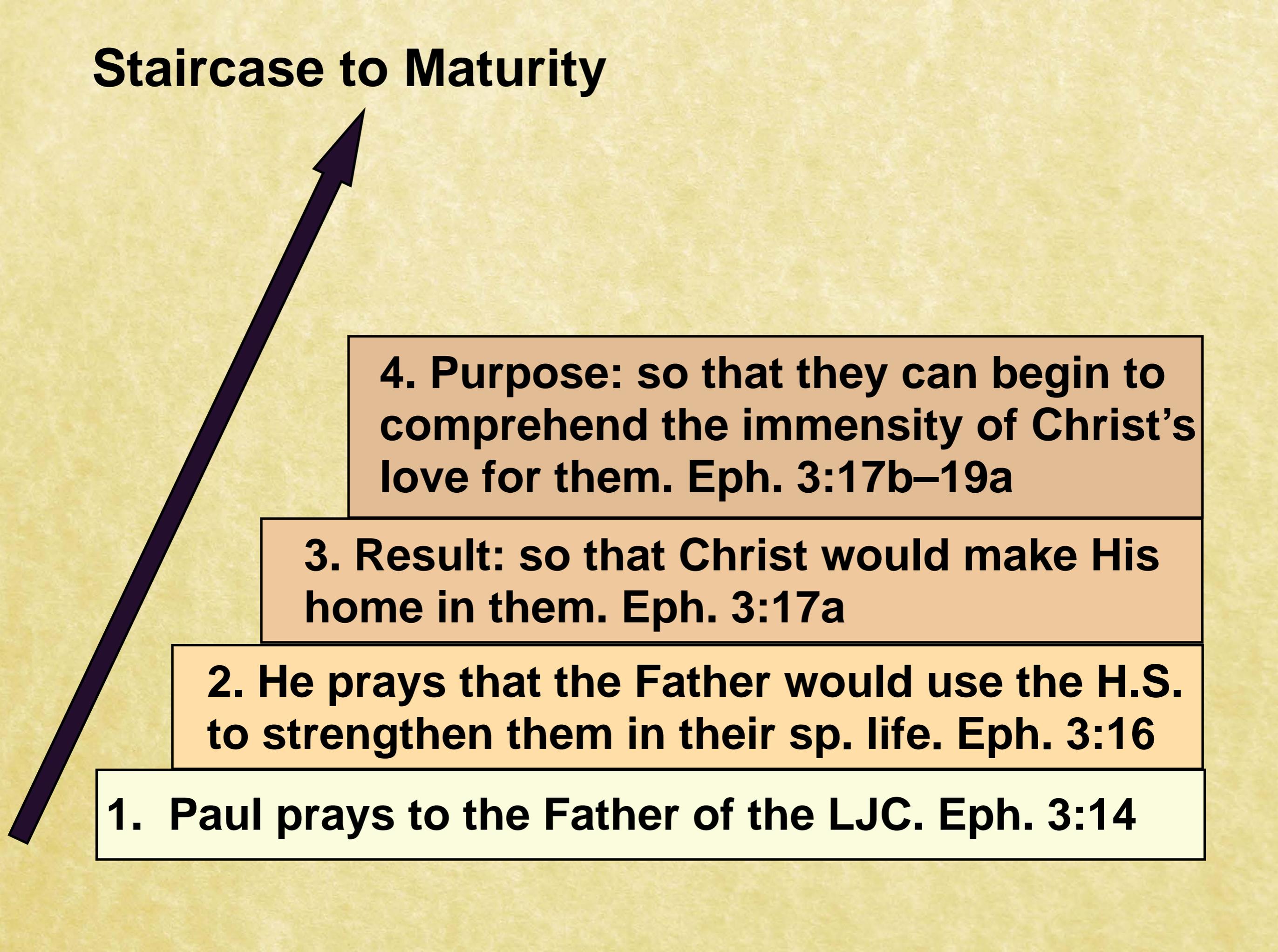
**Baptism: Rom. 6:1–3;
1 Cor. 12:13**

Intercession: Rom. 8:26

Repeated

Filled by: Eph. 5:18

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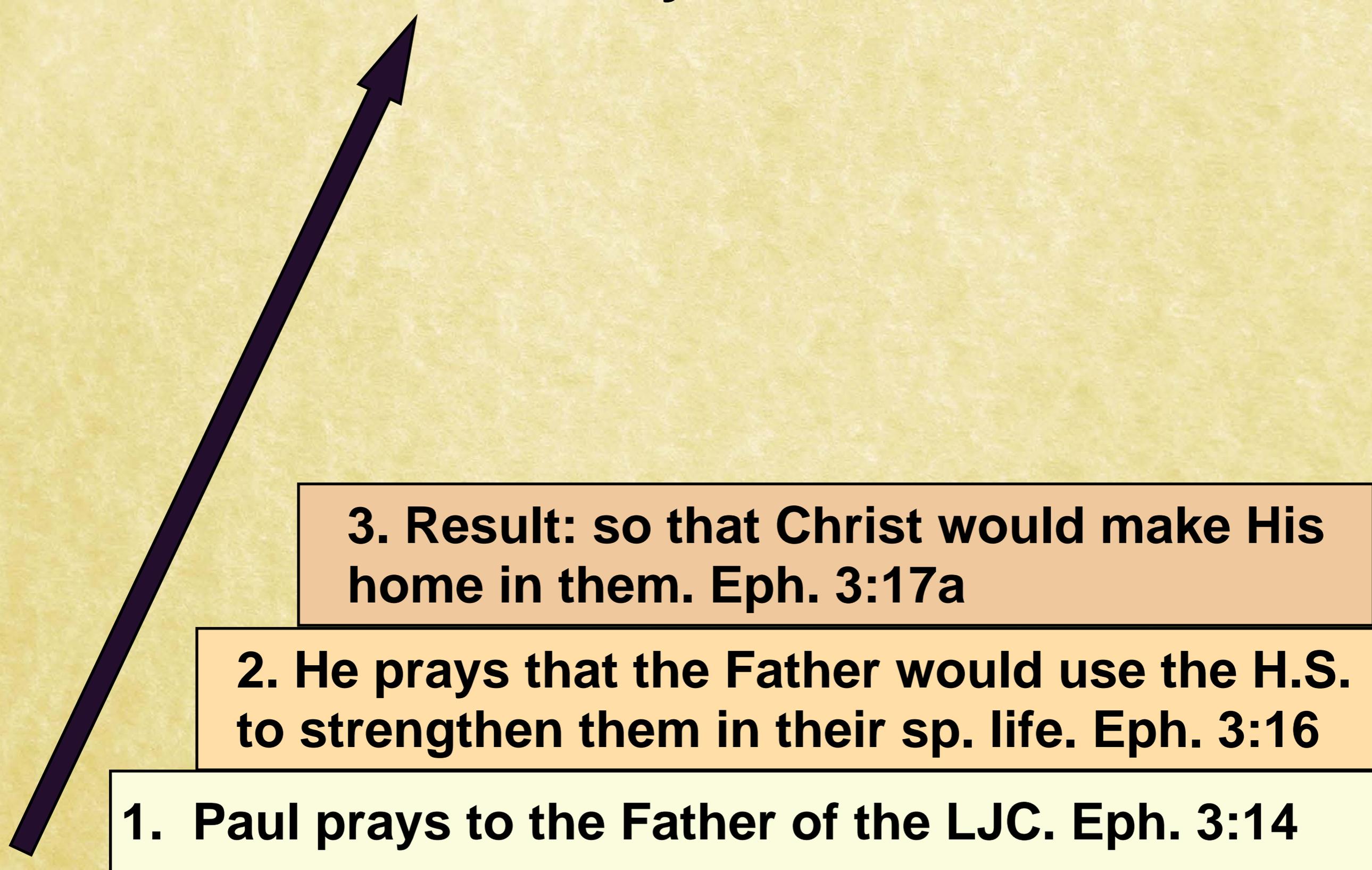
Two causal perfect tense participles:

“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.’ ”