

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

EPHESIANS: Awake, O Sleeper - Ephesians 3:14-21 - Filled with the Fullness of God - 02.18.2024

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?

If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?

2. Have you ever had a resource available to you to better enable you to accomplish something that you neglected to use for a time?

(Like I did with my snowblower for an entire season because I failed to remember the electric start feature)

How long did it take you to realize that you were neglecting to take advantage of a helpful resource toward your goal(s)?

When did you finally take advantage of that resource, and did you find it to be as beneficial/helpful as you'd hoped?

3. How does the above story relate to what is revealed in Ephesians 3:14-21?

How do these words (as Paul shares his prayers for the saints at Ephesus) relate to all that we've already seen in Ephesians?

Based on these verses, what is now ours because of the work of Christ, and how can we access that which He's provided?

As you consider your own life in this particular season, are you experiencing (taking advantage of) these gifts in Jesus?

Are there specific ways that you could more effectively take advantage of what is yours in Him? *(Consider John 15)*

4. Read Ephesians 3:17-19 -

How does dwelling upon what's revealed in verses 14-16 result in what follows in verses 17-19?

Why is it important to be rooted and grounded in love, and what is the outcome of that which follows?

Do you consistently dwell on the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge & the reality of being filled with God's fullness?

Why or why not, and what would it look like to spend time thinking about and dwelling upon these realities?

How does Ephesians 3:20-21 provide encouragement for us as we pray & strive to live in His strength for His glory?

5. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the sermon. Do any of these particularly encourage, convict, challenge, you, & if so, how?

God strengthens us according to His riches!

Our strength is in our omnipotent God - not us!

We must be rooted & grounded in Christ's love!

We need Him - He's our firm foundation to build upon!

We can know love which surpasses knowledge!

This knowledge in love is in & through Christ!

By faith in Jesus, we're filled with God's fullness!

We glorify Him as we live by His fullness in us!

God is able to do more than all we ask & think!

We experience this when we walk by the Spirit!