

# **HARVEST ROCK CHURCH**

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## **PERSONAL REVIVAL PRAYER: EPHESIANS 3:14-21 STUDY IN THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS**

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**TEXT: Ephesians 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, 16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.**

**20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21 to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.**

**INTRO:** Revival is in the air! I went to Guatemala to speak to their Congress and to meet with President Giammattei. But on the return back to the states, I spoke at two churches in Houston: The Dwelling Place and Celebrate Life Church. In both places the Spirit fell in a powerful way. People were weeping, they were on the floor manifesting, and many were healed and delivered. Then I had to go to Austin to True Life Church, a great church that is joining HIM, and the Holy Spirit fell there as well. This is in the context of what God is doing around the nation since February 8 when the Holy Spirit fell in Asbury. The water level of revival is rising. See Ezekiel 47. The water level may be ankle deep right now because we are in the early stages of this revival, but the water level is rising!

When God begins to pour out His Spirit, we are to ask for more. **Zechariah 10:1 Ask rain from the LORD at the time of the spring rain.**

One of the greatest prayers for personal revival is found in our text for this morning, Ephesians 3:14-21.

Here are five things we should ask our Heavenly Father for personal revival and that we will go deeper into the river of God.

### **I. ASK HUMBLY**

**A. Ephesians 3:14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.**



1. Paul humbles himself by getting on his knees to pray. It is a posture of humility. We learn that humility is a choice that one has to make.
2. **James 4:10 Humble yourself in the presence of the Lord [in prayer], and He will exalt you.**
3. Humility is total dependency on God. Pride is being self-sufficient. God doesn't help those who can help themselves. He wants us to humble ourselves while we are in His Presence. The context of James 4:10 is:
4. **James 4:6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore, it says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." 7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.**
5. Jesus taught us to pray like a child asking his father for food.
6. The Asbury Revival is marked with humility. It is having the attitude of **Zechariah 4:6 — Not by might [that is your might], not by power [that is your power] but by the Holy Spirit.**
7. **Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the humble [gentle, meek], for they shall inherit the earth.**

## II. ASK GOD TO STRENGTHEN YOU WITH HIS POWER IN THE INNER MAN

### A. Ephesians 3:18 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be *strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man.*

1. Paul begins this letter praying that we would know this power that is within us.
2. **Ephesians 1:19 That you would know the surpassing power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might 20 which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places.***

### B. We are asking for more of the Holy Spirit.

1. **Ephesians 5:18 Be *continually* filled with the Holy Spirit.**

## III. PRAY THAT THE ANOINTING WILL INCREASE IN YOUR LIFE BY FAITH

### A. Ephesians 3:17a that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

1. Christ is not Jesus' last name. Christ means "the anointed one" or "the anointing." As Christians, we are little anointed ones. The anointing comes from the presence of the Holy Spirit. That is why sometimes we anoint

people with oil when we pray for the sick. It is to invite the Holy Spirit, who is the one who heals with His power.

2. **Exodus 28:41 And you shall put them on Aaron your brother, and on his sons with him, and shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests.**
3. Moses was to clothe Aaron and his sons with priestly clothes (robes of righteousness) and then anoint them with oil. Moses was invoking the presence of the Holy Spirit upon them.
4. **“That the Holy Spirit presence will dwell in your hearts by faith.”  
Ephesians 3:17 (Ché Ahn Translation)**

#### IV. ASK THAT YOU WOULD BE ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE

##### A. Ephesians 3:17b and that you, being rooted and grounded in love...

1. **Revival is returning to your first love (Revelation 2:4).** But it begins with a fresh revelation of how much Jesus loves you. That is why Paul prays Ephesians 2:18ff.
2. **Ephesians 3:18 That you may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth of this love.**
3. **Ephesians 3:19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge.**
4. **We love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19).**
5. I begin my prayer time by giving thanks for all the good and wonderful things He has done in my life in the past 24 hours, big and small. That is why I like to journal my prayers. For example, I missed my flight from Houston to Austin because I got caught up witnessing to a family with two small children. So, in my prayer journal I wrote, “Thank You, Father, that I had the privilege of sharing my testimony with a beautiful family in the United Club. And even though I missed my flight that there was another flight an hour later and I did not miss my commitment in Austin! God, You are so good, and You cause everything to work together for good. Thank You, Jesus!” This causes me to love Him more and stay in love with Jesus.

#### V. ASK THAT YOU WOULD BE FILLED WITH THE FULLNESS OF GOD

##### A. Ephesians 3:19b that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

1. What does it mean to be filled with the fullness of God? The Holy Spirit is God. God wants you to be full of the Holy Spirit!



**B. NO MATTER WHAT YOU ASK FOR, HE WILL DO EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY BEYOND ALL THAT YOU CAN ASK OR THINK ACCORDING TO THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH US! Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.**

**CONCLUSION: END THE PRAYER BY GIVING JESUS ALL THE GLORY — Ephesians 3:21 to Him *be* the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.** We start with humility and end by giving Him all the glory. Let's pray.

