

## **EPHESIANS 3:16-21**

### **“Paul’s Prayer For Maturity In Christ”**

#### **Screen Notes**

**A. Today we will study six prayer requests that Paul has so that the followers of Jesus Christ will indeed be Mature Believers. They are:**

- 1. For strength, power within---by God’s Spirit (verse 16)**
- 2. For Christ to rule and reign within---by faith (verse 17)**
- 3. For you being rooted and grounded in love (verse 17)**
- 4. For understanding---a full understanding of all spiritual things (verse 18)**
- 5. To know the love of Christ (verse 19)**
- 6. For the fullness of God (verse 19)**

**B. VERSE 16**

- 1. Temptation and sin**
- 2. Trouble and trials**
- 3. Disease and suffering**
- 4. Grief and death**
- 5. Selfishness and worldliness**
- 6. Problems and circumstances**

**C. VERSE 18: We have seen His plan unfold as we have studied Ephesians 1-3:**

- 1. The great blessing of God---1:3-14**
- 2. The knowledge and power of God---1:15-23**
- 3. The mercy and grace of God---2:1-10**
- 4. The reconciliation and peace wrought by God---2:11-18**
- 5. The church: who and what it is---2:19-22**
- 6. The new body of people God is forming---3:1-13**

**D. VERSE 20: What is that power within us? It is the combined power of all that God has put within us, all that for which we are praying:**

- 1. The power of the Spirit strengthening us---verse 16**
- 2. The power of Christ indwelling us---verse 17**
- 3. The power of love working in us---verses 17&19**
- 4. The power of understanding all that God does---verse 18**
- 5. The power of the fullness of God Himself---verse 19**

**E. CONCLUSION: The Thompson Chain Reference Bible points out what Scripture says about God’s Power. He is able:**

- 1. To raise up children from stones---Luke 3:8**
- 2. To fulfill promises even if they are humanly impossible---Romans 4:21**
- 3. To make grace abound---2 Corinthians 9:8**
- 4. To do exceedingly abundantly---Ephesians 3:20**
- 5. To subdue all things---Philippines 3:21**
- 6. To guard the soul's treasure---2 Timothy 1:12**
- 7. To save to the uttermost---Hebrews 7:25**
- 8. To keep us from falling---Jude 24**