

## **“Ephesians: God’s Glorious Design”**

### **For The Saints: Spiritual Strength Is Love!**

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- I. Paul commends grace and peace to the believers in Ephesus, Eph 1.1-2
- II. Paul praises our God and Father for His gracious gift of spiritual possessions, Eph 1.3-14
- III. Paul prays for believers to have spiritual insight, Eph 1.15-23
- IV. God’s Design: Our new position individually, Eph 2.1-10
- V. God’s Design: Our new position corporately, Eph 2.11-22
- VI. Paul digresses and expands the mystery and ministry of the body of Jesus, Eph 3.1-13
- VII. Paul prays for believers to have strengthened love, Eph 3.14-21
  - A. Paul prays to the Father, Eph 3.14-15

This “bending” or “bowing” word [ κάμπτω — *kamptō* ] is only used 4 times in the New Testament. Rom 11.4; 14.11; here: Eph 3.14; and Phil 2.10. The other 3 uses all quote Old Testament passages where “bending” or “bowing” conveys submission to supernatural power!

The purpose of ALL prayer Jesus stated in Jn14.13, “that the Father may be glorified in the Son.” Jesus said, Jn 16.23, <sup>23</sup> “In that day you will not question Me about anything. Truly, truly, I say to you, if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you. We pray THROUGH the Mediator, Jesus — let that settle in your soul each time you say or hear “in Jesus’ name,” according to Jesus’ Work, Nature, Character! We pray TO the Father, OUR Father, “the Father of glory”! Our relationship is personal and powerful as sons of “the Father”!
  - B. Paul prays for strengthened love, Eph 3.16-19
    1. Paul prays for the request of spiritual strength so that Jesus inhabits our hearts, Eph 3.16-17a
    2. Paul prays for the purpose of spiritual strength to know Jesus’ love and filled with God’s fullness, Eph 3.17b-19
  - C. Paul gives praise for the Father’s sufficiency and glory, Eph 3.20-21