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- The <u>Prelude</u> to Paul's Prayer (vv. 14-15)
 - o Paul's prayer motivated by and begins with adoration to God for all that He has done.
 - There is no limit to God's resources and riches.
- The <u>Progression</u> of Paul's Prayer (vv. 16-19)
 - The first petition is a request for <u>power</u>.
 - o Paul prays that the churches will be strengthened by the Spirit.
 - The strengthening of the Spirit and the <u>indwelling</u> of Christ are two sides of the same coin.
 - But Jesus doesn't come to take part, He comes to take over.
 - o Christian faith isn't primarily about you having <u>Jesus</u>, it's about Jesus having <u>you</u>.
 - o All of this results in our being deeply grounded in <u>love</u>.
 - o Love is the native <u>soil</u> for the Christian life to <u>grow</u> and flourish.
 - o Love is the foundation on which the Christian life is built.
 - The second petition is for knowledge.
 - o Paul wants us to know the <u>unknowable</u> love of Christ.
 - o Knowing Christ's love is accomplished "with all the <u>saints</u>" in the <u>church!</u>
 - If you do not experience the love of Christ reigning through you, you can't comprehend Christ's love for you.
 - o This is a prayer for Christian maturity.
- The Purpose of Paul's Prayer (vv. 20-21)
 - To God be the <u>glory</u> in the <u>church</u> and in <u>Christ Jesus</u>, to all generations forever and ever. Amen.