

DAILY READING PLAN

Week of June 19, 2022

Alive: Spirit of Love – Loving God

Ephesians 3:14-21



Day One: Read Ephesians 3:14-15

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

- Sometimes our prayer life depends on the situation. When do you pray for your family? Be sure to understand family loosely. Sure, there is your birth family, but there is also the people that are functionally family.

Day Two: Read Ephesians 3:16

¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit...

- A mark of spiritual maturity is that we are able to discern our “inner being.” In other places, the Apostle Paul says that we must “discern the spirits.” Jesus says that he has come that we might become our “child of God self” which is synonymous with our “inner being.” How connected are you to your inner being?

Day Three: Read Ephesians 3:17

¹⁷...and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

- How “rooted and grounded in love” are you? We often want to root ourselves in our accomplishments, cultural conversations, and a number of other things. Paul wants us to know that the greatest grounding is in the self-emptying love of Jesus.

Day Four: Read Ephesians 3:18-19

¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

- Capturing the “fullness of God” isn’t to get our arms around a concept. It is to get lost in an ocean of love. Do you have God figured into a neat theological box or are you floating in God’s ocean?

Day Five: Read Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- One of the great American ideas is that we can accomplish anything through our effort. The great Jesus idea is that God accomplishes everything for us by grace. What would it look like for you to let God be God?