

## HOW TO LIVE FULL

Ephesians 3:14-21

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The Christians in the Roman province of Asia were experiencing spiritual discouragement. They were still going through the motions of their relationship with Christ, but God seemed very far away. In this letter Paul has been reminding them of how God has blessed and equipped them for their critical role in his plan. Now in 3:14 he tells us that he is praying for them.

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Spiritual Blessings

Ephesians 1:3-7

Ephesians 1:19-20

Ephesians 3:12-13

God's Purposes

Ephesians 2:6-7

Ephesians 2:20-22

Ephesians 3:10

### PRAYER

Ephesians 3:14-15

### LIVE INSIDE-OUT - Ephesians 3:16

The Holy Spirit strengthens us to focus on his work in our lives, rather than what is happening \_\_\_\_\_ of us.

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2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Inside-out living is critical to our \_\_\_\_\_ to people who don't know Christ.

### CHRIST AT HOME – Ephesians 3:17

Christ becomes at \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives when we \_\_\_\_\_ him to make changes at the very core of our being.

### GOD'S LOVE - Ephesians 3:17b-19

God's love is the soil in which we are \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.

Paul prays that they will \_\_\_\_\_ God's love with the intention of \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Paul wants them to know God's love through their own \_\_\_\_\_.

We grab God's love and experience it through \_\_\_\_\_ with him.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Communion with God causes us to focus on the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives. This gives us the strength and faith to allow the Holy Spirit to change us at the core of our being. Therefore, we become less focused on the outside world and more aware of God's great love. This equips us to become channels of his love to others.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Share a time when you felt spiritually discouraged?
2. Read Ephesians 1:3-7, 19-20. Why should this encourage us?
3. Why has God blessed us? (Ephesians 2:6-7, 20-22, 3:10)
4. Read Ephesians 3:16. Why is the inner strength of the Holy Spirit so important?
5. Why do we tend to focus more on external circumstances than what God is doing in us?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-10. Why is an internal focus so critical to our witness?
7. Read Ephesians 3:17a. How do we make Christ at home in our lives?

Read Ephesians 3:17b-19

8. Why is it so easy for us to develop a foundation for our lives, besides God's love?
9. Why do you think that God's love is something we must grab or seize?
10. Why is it so difficult to stay focused on God's love?
11. What are some spiritual practices that you have found helpful in staying focused on God's love and work in your life?

# *Welcome*

*to*

# *Hillcrest Church*

*Come as You Are!*

*to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

*Ephesians 3:19*

*May 22, 2022*

*Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **TODAY**

Tim Brooks will be speaking about how to live full, from the book of Ephesians.

### **NEXT WEEK - MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

Bruce will be back in the house.

### **ONLINE GATHERINGS**

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website ([hillcrestRoseville.com](http://hillcrestRoseville.com)) to access the gathering.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online ([hillcrestroseville.com](http://hillcrestroseville.com)).

### **EAST INDIAN DINNER**

Thanks for all your generous donations that were made during the East Indian Dinner. Thus far just over \$10,000 has been given, which will be split between the Great Commission Fund and the Kibaale school in Uganda. You can still give to this effort by writing "Dinner" in the memo of your check.

### **CHURCH IN THE PARK JUNE 5th**

### **CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>**