

**Paul's Prayer for the Church -- Remember your great riches!**  
**Ephesians 3:14 – 21**  
**January 28, 2020**

- A. "For this reason . . ." – verse 14  
What reason? A reminder of God's riches to us
- B. "I bow my knees" – verse 14
1. Paul's posture in prayer
  2. Other Biblical characters on their knees
    - a. Solomon (I Kings 8:4)
    - b. Ezra (Ezra 9:5)
    - c. Psalmist (Psalm 95:6)
    - d. Daniel (Daniel 6:10)
    - e. Stephen (Acts 7:60)
    - f. Peter (Acts 9:40)
    - g. Jesus (Luke 22:41)
    - h. Paul again (Acts 20:36)
  3. Our posture in prayer
- C. "Before the Father" – verse 14
1. A relationship of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. To whom we have access
  3. Father of all

Sidebar:

4. To whom thanks should be given
  5. The family is now the church – both Jews and Gentiles.
- D. Spiritual Blessings
- "According to the riches of his glory" – verse 15
1. What riches? Those Paul has revealed in chapters 1, 2
  2. Strengthening
  3. That Christ may dwell in us
  4. Being rooted
  5. Being grounded

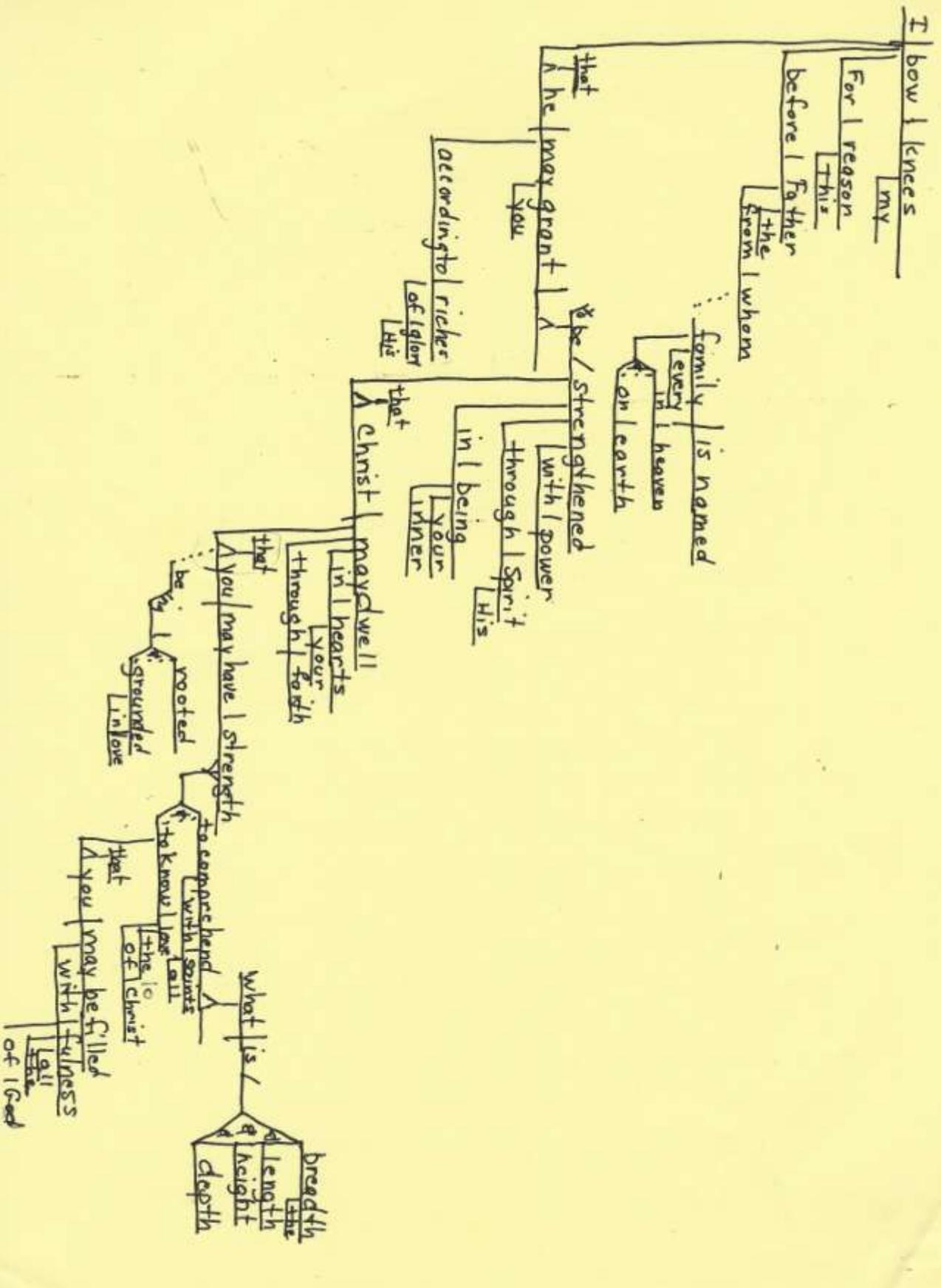
6. Comprehending the vastness of Christ's love
  - a. Breadth
  - b. Length
  - c. Height
  - d. Depth
  
7. Being filled with all the fullness of God

E. The Doxology – verses 20, 21

Now unto Him that is  
able to do all  
above all  
abundantly above all  
exceeding abundantly above all  
(From *Be Rich* by Warren Wiersbe)

May we give God the glory individually and collectively (the church)!

Ephesians 3:14-19 - One long sentence



## **Paul's Prayer for the Church**

**Discussion questions for Ephesians 3:14 – 21**

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1. How have you bowed down and worshipped who God is?
2. What are some of the astounding riches, opportunities and blessings you possess in Christ? (These are not always material, of course.) Review your riches in Christ from chapters 1, 2.
3. What are some ways you are feeding your inner person (vs 16)? List some of them. When you're making decisions in day-to-day life, how do you know that you're yielding to the Spirit? Or, what are signs that you're not doing this?
4. The purpose of Christianity is not having Christ serve us; rather we are to serve Christ for His glory. How may we serve Christ, whether individually or collectively (the church)?
5. From this passage, Ephesians 3:14 – 19, how am I encouraged and strengthened?

