

The Inner Man, part 14

- I.** The Inner Man characterizes how the riches received at salvation can be put into action; the Inner Man is where the Holy Spirit influences motives, refreshes day-by-day, and provides alternative lusts to the sin nature (Eph. 3:16; 1 Pet. 3:4; 2 Cor. 4:16; Rom. 7:22-25).
- II.** Paul describes his communication to the Father; the 100% promise for Christians' requests (Eph. 3:16-19).
 - 1. Change in asking God from the Old Testament (Jn. 16:23-25).
 - 2. If the Father hears a request, we know we will have what we asked for (1 Jn. 5:15).
 - 3. The Father hears us if we ask in Christ's name (1 Jn. 5:14).
 - 1) "In My name" (Jn. 14:13-14; 15:7).
 - 2) To glorify the Father.
 - 3) Abiding, at ease in Christ.
 - 4) Abiding in His "sayings": New Commandment—fruit.
- III.** Paul's request to the Father that He give them (Eph. 3:16-19):
 - 1. All Paul's requests are regarding their spiritual growth.
 - 1) v. 16. To have the inherent power to show strength;
 - 2) Through His Spirit (Jn. 14:26; 15:26; 16:7).
 - 3) As measured by the riches of His glory.
 - 4) Into the Inner Man: mind of Christ, new nature's desires.
 - 2. v. 17. That Christ may 'settle in' their hearts;
 - 1) Through faith.
 - 2) Having been rooted and grounded by love (Jn. 13:34; Gal. 6:2; 5:13). This comes first—perfect tense.
 - 3. v. 18. To have the ability to mentally grasp four dimensions.
 - 4. v. 19. To experientially know/practice love of The Christ (1 Cor. 12:12).
 - 1) That goes beyond experiential knowledge.
 - 2) That they might be filled with all the fullness from God; everything that is mentally lacking in the 'natural state' is provided by God.