

My Prayer...
The Foundation of Love
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Key Verses of the Series

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:14-21

"So that Christ may settle down permanently in your hearts through faith." PS Version

Grab This!

When Christ settles down permanently in our hearts... God begins to do a wonderful, _____work within us, that lasts our entire lifetime.

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Key Thought of the Day

The effect of Christ dwelling in our heart through _____ ought to result in our lives being anchored in _____.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5 NIV

"'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

The Foundation of Love

1. The _____ of Love in our lives.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love...

- _____ in Love.
- _____ in Love.

If This Is True...

How are we supposed to express love in our lives?

- Rooted and Grounded in our Love for _____,

Love the Lord your God with all your heart...

- Rooted and Grounded in our Love for _____
...together with all the Lord's holy people...

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12 NIV

*"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them."
John 14:21 NIV*

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2. The _____ of the Love of Christ.

...to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge... Ephesians 3:18-19a NIV

The Love of Christ is...

- _____

The Love of Christ is wide or broad because it is available for _____.

*This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.
Ephesians 3:6 NIV*

The Love of Christ is...

- _____

The Love of Christ will last for _____.

Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 106:1 NIV

The Love Of Christ is...

- _____

The Love of Christ is enough to exalt us to _____.

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel that has come to you. Colossians 1:3-6 NIV

The Love of Christ is...

- _____

The Love of Christ can reach the most _____ person.

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. Psalm 40:2 NIV

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3. Produces the desire to be filled with the _____.

...that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:19 NIV

The Bottom Line

Love for Jesus... Love for Others... Jesus' Love for us is the _____ of fullness of God.