

Title: **"STRENGTHENED WITH MIGHT THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN"**

Text: **Ephesians 3**

(I) A GLIMPSE OF THE MINISTRY OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

1. Obtaining deep spiritual revealed knowledge (Ephesians 3:1-6)

- a) Hitherto unknown knowledge (**Ephesians 3:5**)
- b) Revealed by the Holy Spirit to the apostles and prophets (**Ephesians 3:5**)
- c) Concerning Gentiles:- (**Ephesians 3:5-7**)
 - i) Fellow heirs
 - ii) Same body
 - iii) Partakers of God's promise in Christ
 - iv) Contained in the Gospel

2. Becoming a servant of the Lord

- a) Gift of God's grace (**Ephesians 3:7a**)
- b) Effective working of Divine power in ministry (**Ephesians 3:7b**)
- c) Suffering much tribulation (**Ephesians 3:13**)

(II) VERY SIGNIFICANT CONTENTS

(Ephesians 3:14-21)

- 1. To be strengthened with might from God**
- 2. To be strengthened through His Spirit in the inner man**
- 3. To have Christ dwell in our hearts**
- 4. To be rooted and grounded in Christ's love**
- 5. To be filled with the fullness of God**

(III) SPECIAL FEATURES OF THIS APOSTOLIC PRAYER

1. Pleading “the riches of God’s glory” (Ephesians 3:16)

2. Pleading the Power of God

- a) Believing in God’s almighty power
- b) Believing that His power transcends all human thought and imagination

3. Pleading the glory of God

- a) To give God the glory
- b) The church to reflect the glory of God
- c) The significance of God’s glory to be seen in subsequent generations