**Sermon Notes for Sunday, August 24, 2025**

16 that He would grant you, according to the

riches of His glory,

to be strengthened with might through His Spirit

in the inner man,

17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through

faith; that you, being rooted and grounded

in love,

**Ephesians 3:16-17 (NKJV)**

**“Paul’s Prayer for the Church”**

**(Part 5)**

 **Amplified Version**

 16 May He grant you out of the riches of His glory, to be strengthened and spiritually energized with power through His Spirit in your inner self, [**indwelling your innermost being and personality**],

 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through your faith. And may you, having been **[deeply]** rooted and **[securely]** grounded in love,

1. **“That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory”**

The *riches of God’s Glory* refer to the abundance of God's divine attributes which encompasses God’s goodness, love, strength, power, and holiness.

**Hebrews 1:3**

 “The Son radiates God’s own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honor at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven.”

2. **“to be strengthened with might through His Spirit…”**

 The Holy Spirit provides spiritual strength to all believers, but this is

 received by those who yield to the Spirit's guidance as expressed

 through God's Word.

**Psalm 119:28**

 “My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word.”

3. “**…through His Spirit in the inner man**”

 The inner man refers to the soul of the believer, where the Holy Spirit

 works to bring about spiritual transformation and renewal."

**2 Corinthians 4:16 (NKJV)**

 “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.”

4. **“that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted**

 **and grounded in love” (Ephesians 3:17)**

 Because God is love, true love flows from Him and is given to

 believers by the Holy Spirit."

**Colossians 3:14 (NLT)**

 “Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.”