

Sermon Notes

The Power at Work Within Us

Ephesians 3:19-21

Intro: five common misconceptions about Church:

- a) Church is a building we go to
- b) Church is a thing we do
- c) Church is an optional choice for Christians
- d) Church is a means to other ends
- e) Church is mainly for my benefit

1. God's goal for the church in Christ is to display his glory

(v21, v19)

A holy temple for his presence on earth (2:20-22)

A display of his immeasurably rich grace (2:7, 1:6)

A display of his multifaceted wisdom (3:10)

To the praise of his glory! (1:6, 1:12, 1:14)

2. So God wants us to be filled with Christ-like maturity

(v19)

To grow in love, unity, holiness together

As we grasp the scale of God's plan and Christ's love to us

Q: but we often fall short - is this calling impossibly high?!

3. God's IMMENSE POWER is available to help that right now

(v20)

The power that we have already seen do so much....

Conclusion: are we convinced of the value of praying for church yet?