

CrossWinds Church - EFCA

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What should I ask God to develop my spiritual maturity?

1. Pray for an understanding of God's love that is more than I can humanly comprehend.

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How do I pray for spiritual maturity? Intently

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, Ephesians 3:14–15 (ESV)

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2. Pray for greater understanding of the love of God than the knowledge of God.

and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:19 (ESV)

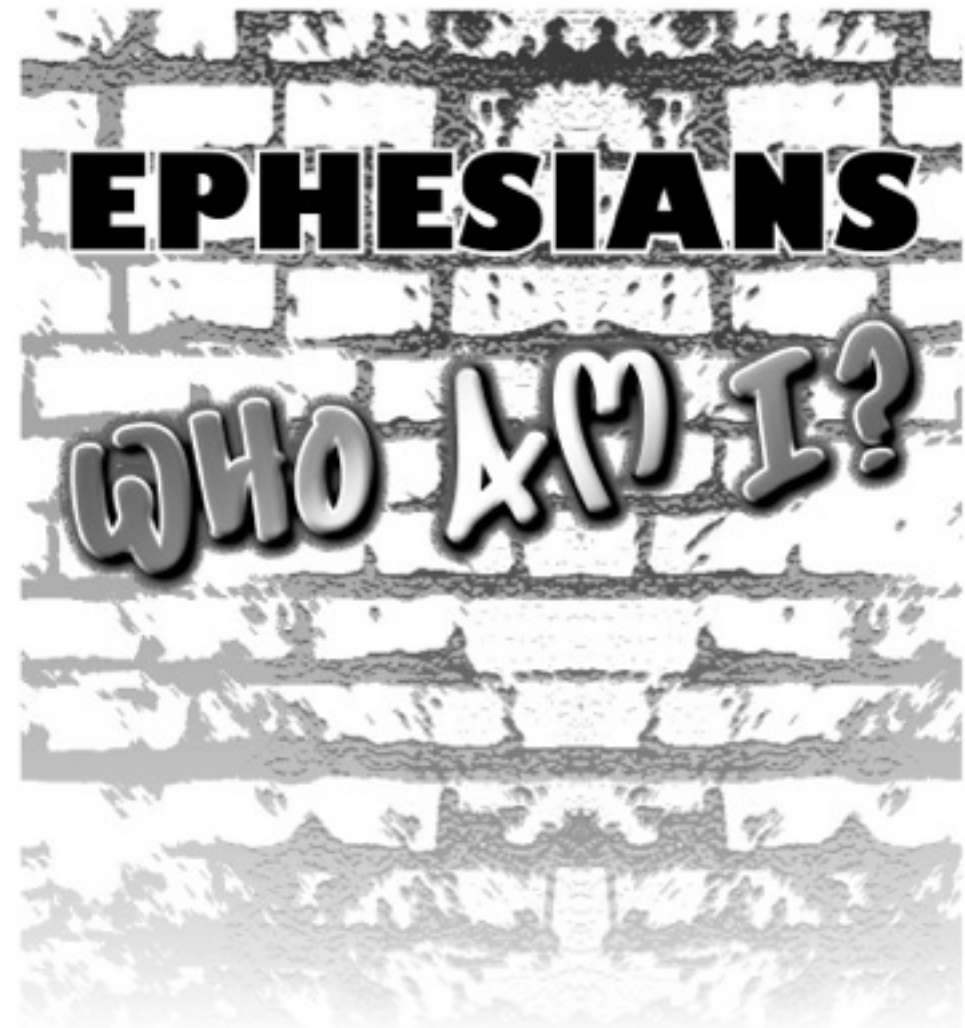
3. Pray for a better understanding of God's power toward me that is greater than I can ask or imagine.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20–21 (ESV)

Conclusion

Spiritual maturity is a greater understanding of God's love and power for me through Jesus.

March 2 - Ephesians 4:1-6 • March 9 - Ephesians 4:7-16



Rethinking Spiritual Maturity