

5-Day Bible Reading Plan: Growing in God's Love
Based on Ephesians 3:14-21

Day 1: Strengthened by His Spirit

**Reading: ** Ephesians 3:14-16

**Devotional: **

Paul's prayer begins with a posture of humility—bowing before the Father. Notice he doesn't pray for easier circumstances, but for inner strength. The Christian life isn't about avoiding difficulties but being empowered through them. God's Spirit dwells within you, not as a distant helper but as an indwelling power source. When you feel weak, remember that spiritual strength isn't manufactured through willpower; it's received through surrender. The same power that raised Christ from the dead is available to you today. Where do you need His strengthening? Your emotions? Your faith? Your resolve to obey? Bow before the Father today and ask Him to fortify your inner being with His mighty Spirit.

Day 2: Rooted and Grounded in Love

**Reading: ** Ephesians 3:17-18; Colossians 2:6-7

**Devotional: **

A tree's strength isn't visible above ground—it's in the root system. Paul prays that Christ would dwell in our hearts through faith, and that we'd be rooted in love. This isn't sentimental affection; it's the foundational reality of God's character. Many believers struggle because they're rooted in performance, fear, or others' opinions. But when you're anchored in God's unchanging love, storms cannot uproot you. The "width, length, height, and depth" of God's love means there's no situation, no sin, no failure that extends beyond His love's reach. Spend time today meditating on this: God's love for you isn't based on your goodness but on His nature. Let this truth sink deep roots into your soul.

Day 3: Love That Surpasses Knowledge

**Reading: ** Ephesians 3:19; Romans 8:35-39

**Devotional: **

Here's a beautiful paradox: Paul prays we would "know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge." How can we know something unknowable? Because God's love isn't merely understood intellectually—it's experienced relationally. You can study love's theology without ever feeling loved. Many Christians know about God's love but haven't encountered it personally. This love isn't earned through Bible knowledge or religious activity; it's received through intimate relationship with Jesus. It's a love that pursued you while you were still a sinner, that sacrificed everything for your redemption, that refuses to abandon you in failure. Today, move beyond studying God's love to experiencing it. Sit quietly and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal how deeply you are loved.

Day 4: Filled with All the Fullness of God

**Reading: ** Ephesians 3:19; Colossians 1:19, 2:9-10

**Devotional: **

Paul's prayer reaches a stunning climax: that we "may be filled with all the fullness of God." This isn't about our capacity but God's willingness. He doesn't give us a portion of Himself while withholding the rest. In Christ, you have access to everything God is—His wisdom, power, peace, joy, and presence. Yet many believers live with a "leaky bucket" spirituality, constantly feeling empty. Why? Because we fill ourselves with everything except

God. We seek fullness in relationships, achievements, entertainment, or comfort. But only God satisfies the God-shaped void within us. Being filled isn't a one-time event but a continual yielding. What are you trying to fill yourself with today? Surrender those substitutes and ask God to fill you with Himself.

Day 5: Immeasurably More

**Reading: ** Ephesians 3:20-21; Romans 11:33-36

**Devotional: **

Paul concludes with a doxology of hope: God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." When life disappoints, we shrink our expectations of God. We pray small prayers, expect little, and settle for spiritual mediocrity. But God's power isn't limited by our imagination or constrained by our circumstances. The same God who spoke galaxies into existence is working within you. His purposes exceed your plans. His provision surpasses your requests. His power transcends your problems. This isn't prosperity theology—it's the reality that God's ways are higher than ours. Whatever you're facing today, God can do more than you dare hope. Give Him glory by trusting His immeasurable power. Pray boldly, expect greatly, and watch Him work beyond your wildest dreams.

**Reflection Questions for the Week: **

- How has this study challenged your understanding of God's love?
- In what areas do you need inner strengthening from the Holy Spirit?
- What practical step will you take to deepen your roots in God's love?
- How will you live differently knowing God can do immeasurably more?