

LOVE - POWER - HEALING (THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH)
Ephesians 3:1-21 (April 27, 2025)

**HOW GOD’S LOVE EQUIPS US TO MANIFEST
JESUS’ HEALING GRACE IN THE WORLD**

I. GOD SHOWS ME HIS GRACE SO THAT I CAN SERVE OTHERS.

2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you,

**II. GOD SHOWS ME HIS GRACE SO THAT I CAN SPEAK OF THE BOUN-
LESS RICHES OF CHRIST.**

8 Although I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ,

**III. GOD SHOWS ME HIS GRACE SO THAT I CAN BE ROOTED AND ES-
TABLISHED IN LOVE.**

17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,

IV. GOD SHOWS ME HIS GRACE SO THAT I CAN LIVE IN HIS POWER.

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

V. GOD SHOWS ME HIS GRACE SO THAT I CAN GLORIFY HIM FOREVER!

21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

APPLICATION

1. Live in the power of the Cross of Christ: Approach God with freedom and confidence. (Faith)

“**12** In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”

2. Live in the power of the Spirit of God: Depend on God through prayer. (Hope)

“**16** I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,”

3. Live in the power of the Presence of God: Love in action (Love)

“**19** and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why is it important for us to understand that we are most beautiful when we display the image of God in this world?
2. What are the differences in Christianity as a religion and as a life giving reality? And why does it matter to have the right understanding on Christianity?
3. What are the four words for “LOVE” in the New Testament? How has one word of “love” in modern English limited our understanding of God’s love manifested in Christ?
4. God’s mighty power is working in us right now. How is this power manifested in our life? People tend to connect the word power with some kind of physical force. Is this the right understanding of the power that is promised to followers of Christ? Discuss on the promised power in Acts 1:8.

**I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING A
CLASS FOR MY SPIRITUAL
GROWTH.**

- () Membership 101
() Maturity 201
() Ministry 301
() Mission/Evangelism 401

OTHER CLASSES

- () Foundations for basic Christian doctrines
() Fresh Start for starting my faith in Christ
() How to do daily Quiet Time with God

NEED TO TALK TO A PASTOR?

- () I would like to talk with a pastor to understand the biblical view on a subject.
() I would like to know what it means to be a member of MBF (NVCCC)

**ANY OTHER QUESTION? LET US
KNOW, PLEASE.**
