For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith-- that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of

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

The Spirit cleans house in your life. (14-16)

Goal of Stage #1:

That the Holy Spirit be given the master key to every lock in your life for the purpose of going into the inner recesses of who you are and bringing you to experience that which is already yours in Christ.

The Son feels at home in your life. (17a)

Goal of Stage #2:

That Jesus Christ come in an abiding relationship wherein your life becomes His comfortable home.

The Son's love adorns the walls of your life. (17b-19a)

Goal of Stage #3:

That the love of Christ would find concrete expression in the actual events of your life in ways that could never be explained in any other way.

The Father changes His address to your life. (19b)

Goal of Stage #4:

That God will be Himself in every area of your life and that people will recognize Him in you.

The world is invited to the open house. (20-21)

Goal of Stage #5:

That God will be so at home in your life that as you gladly give Him His way, people will behold the wonder of what it means to be deeply loved by the God of the universe.

"Dropping to my knees, I said, 'Lord, You have been a guest and I have been the host. From now on I am going to be the servant. You are going to be the Lord.'

"Running as fast as I could to the strongbox, I took out the title deed to the house describing its properties, assets, and liabilities. I eagerly signed the house over to Him alone for time and eternity."

"'Here,' I said, 'Here it is, all that I am and have, forever. Now you run the house. I'll just remain with You as a servant and friend."

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