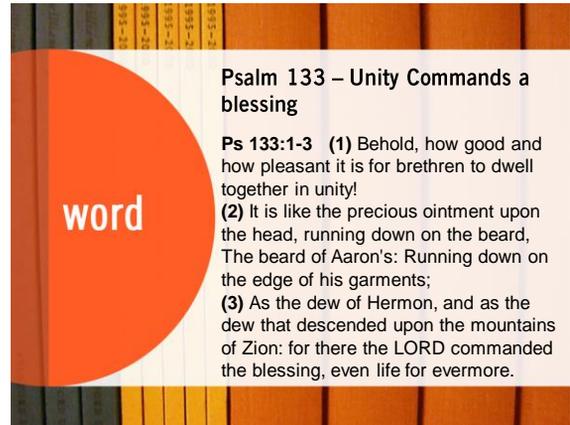




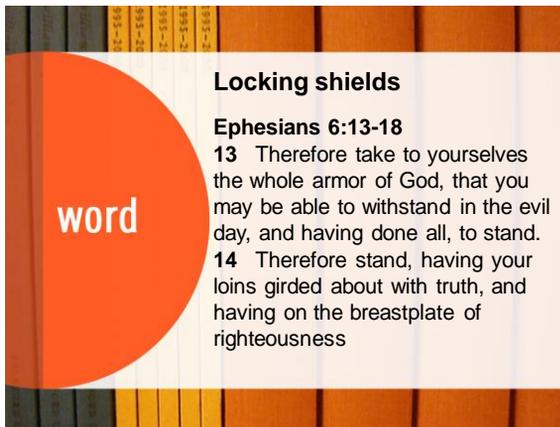
JOY IN UNITY

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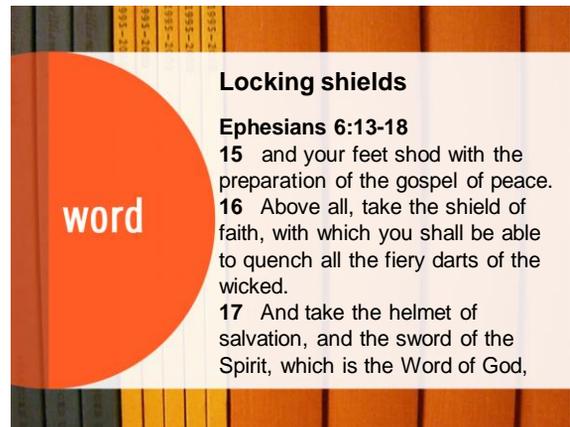
Psalms 133 – Unity Commands a blessing

Ps 133:1-3 (1) Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
(2) It is like the precious ointment upon the head, running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron's: Running down on the edge of his garments;
(3) As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.



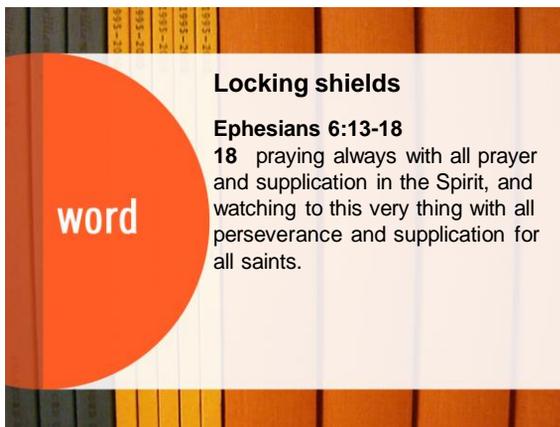
Locking shields

Ephesians 6:13-18
13 Therefore take to yourselves the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
14 Therefore stand, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness



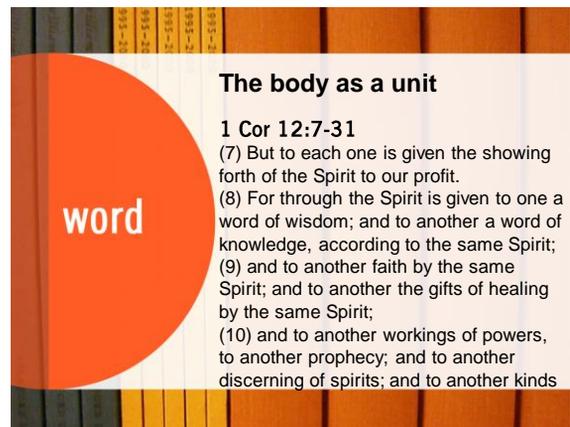
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Ephesians 6:13-18
15 and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.
16 Above all, take the shield of faith, with which you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God,



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Ephesians 6:13-18
18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching to this very thing with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.



The body as a unit

1 Cor 12:7-31
(7) But to each one is given the showing forth of the Spirit to our profit.
(8) For through the Spirit is given to one a word of wisdom; and to another a word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit;
(9) and to another faith by the same Spirit; and to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
(10) and to another workings of powers, to another prophecy; and to another discerning of spirits; and to another kinds

The body as a unit

1 Cor 12:7-31
of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues.
(11) But the one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing separately to each one as He desires.
(12) For as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ.
(13) For also by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body, whether Jews or

The body as a unit

1 Cor 12:7-31
Greeks, whether bond or free, even all were made to drink into one Spirit.
(14) For the body is not one member, but many.
(15) If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
(16) And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
(17) If all the body were an eye, where

The body as a unit

1 Cor 12:7-31
would be the hearing? If all hearing, where would be the smelling?
(18) But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body as it has pleased Him.
(19) And if they were all one member, where would be the body?
(20) But now indeed many are the members, yet only one body.
(21) And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you; nor again the head

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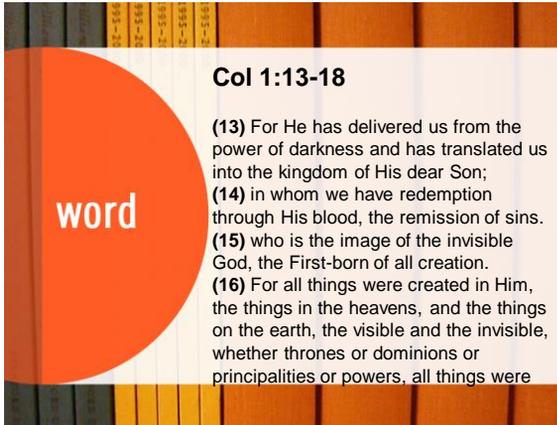
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to the feet, I have no need of you.
(22) But much rather the members of the body seeming to be weaker are necessary.
(23) And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we put more abundant honor around them. And our unrepresentable members have more abundant propriety.
(24) For our presentable members have no need, but God tempered the body

The body as a unit

1 Cor 12:7-31
together, giving more abundant honor to the member having need;
(25) that there not be division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.
(26) And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is glorified, all the members rejoice with it.
(27) And you are the body of Christ, and members in part.
(28) And God set some in the church,

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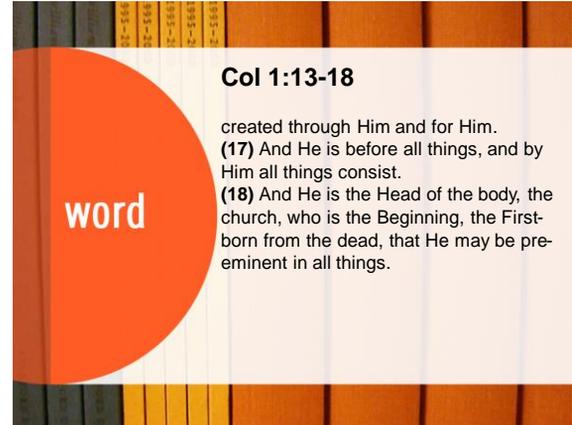
firstly, apostles; secondly, prophets; thirdly, teachers, then works of power, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, kinds of languages.
(29) Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of power?
(30) Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak languages? Do all interpret?
(31) But zealously strive after the better gifts. And yet I show to you a more excellent way.



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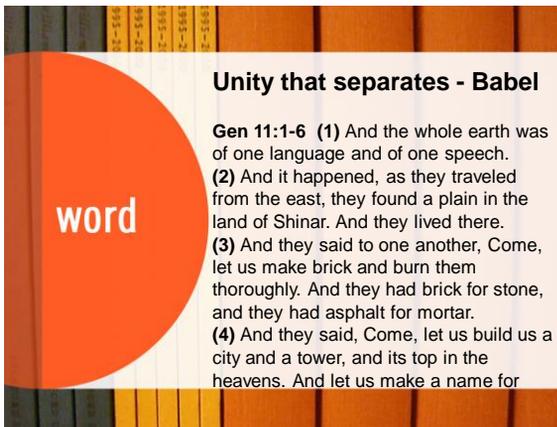
Col 1:13-18

(13) For He has delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son;
 (14) in whom we have redemption through His blood, the remission of sins.
 (15) who is the image of the invisible God, the First-born of all creation.
 (16) For all things were created in Him, the things in the heavens, and the things on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers, all things were



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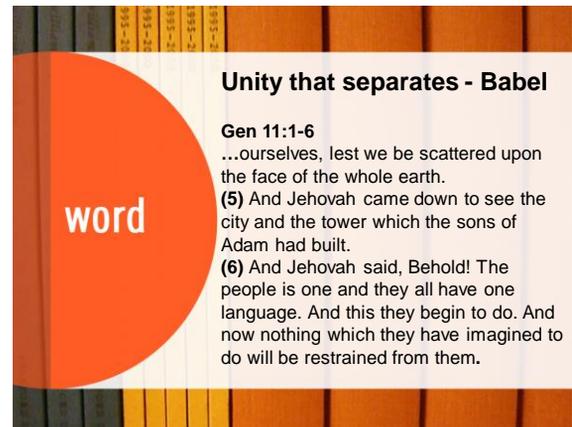
created through Him and for Him.
 (17) And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.
 (18) And He is the Head of the body, the church, who is the Beginning, the First-born from the dead, that He may be pre-eminent in all things.



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Unity that separates - Babel

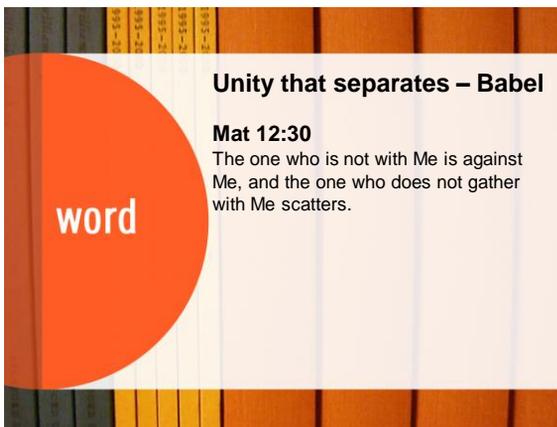
Gen 11:1-6 (1) And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech.
 (2) And it happened, as they traveled from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar. And they lived there.
 (3) And they said to one another, Come, let us make brick and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.
 (4) And they said, Come, let us build us a city and a tower, and its top in the heavens. And let us make a name for



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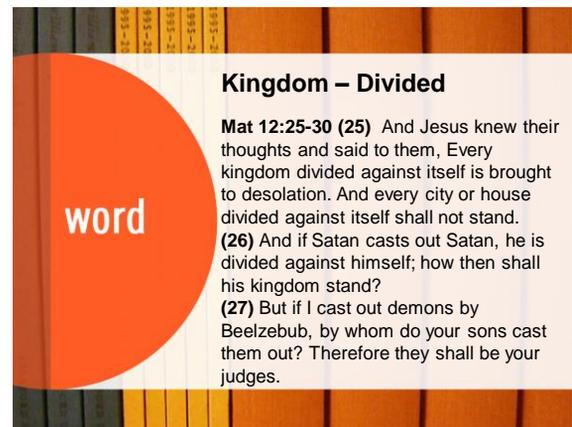
Gen 11:1-6
 ...ourselves, lest we be scattered upon the face of the whole earth.
 (5) And Jehovah came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of Adam had built.
 (6) And Jehovah said, Behold! The people is one and they all have one language. And this they begin to do. And now nothing which they have imagined to do will be restrained from them.



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Unity that separates - Babel

Mat 12:30
 The one who is not with Me is against Me, and the one who does not gather with Me scatters.



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Kingdom - Divided

Mat 12:25-30 (25) And Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation. And every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.
 (26) And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand?
 (27) But if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges.

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Kingdom – Divided

Mat 12:25-30
(28) But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.
(29) Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house and spoil his goods, unless first he binds the strong one, and then he will plunder his house.
(30) The one who is not with Me is against Me, and the one who does not gather with Me scatters.

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Unity of the God Head – There is one God

Deu 6:4
Hear, O, Israel. Jehovah our God is one Jehovah.

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Unity of the God Head – There is one God

John 10:27-30 **(27)** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.
(28) And I give to them eternal life, and they shall never ever perish, and no one shall pluck them out of My hand.
(29) My Father who gave them to me is greater than all, and no one is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand.
(30) I and the Father are one!

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Unity of the God Head – There is one God

1John 5:4-15 **(4)** For everything that has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.
(5) Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
(6) This is He who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water only, but by the water and blood. And the

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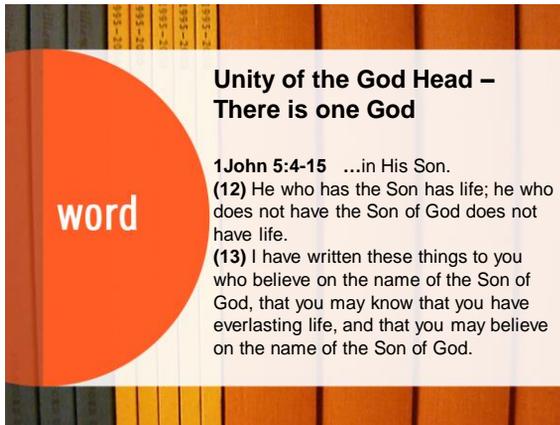
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1John 5:4-15 ...Spirit is He who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth.
(7) For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one.
(8) And there are three that bear witness on the earth: the Spirit, and the water, and the blood; and the three are into the one.
(9) If we receive the witness of men, the

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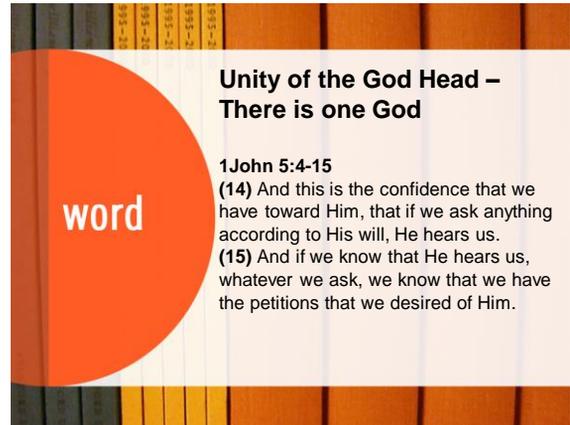
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1John 5:4-15 ...witness of God is greater. For this is the witness of God which He has testified about His Son.
(10) He who believes on the Son of God has the witness in himself. He who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he does not believe the record that God gave of His Son.
(11) And this is the record, that God has given to us everlasting life, and this life is



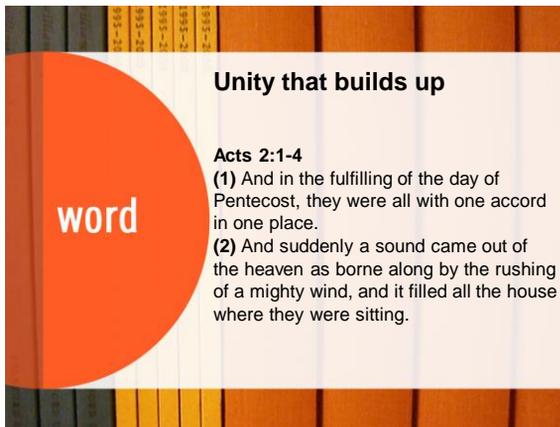
**Unity of the God Head –
There is one God**

1John 5:4-15 ...in His Son.
(12) He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.
(13) I have written these things to you who believe on the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have everlasting life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God.



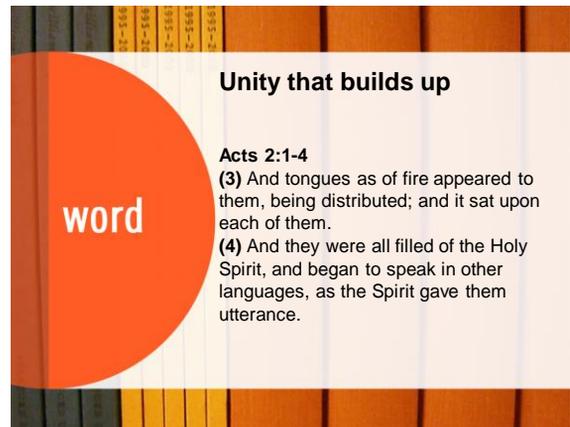
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1John 5:4-15
(14) And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.
(15) And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.



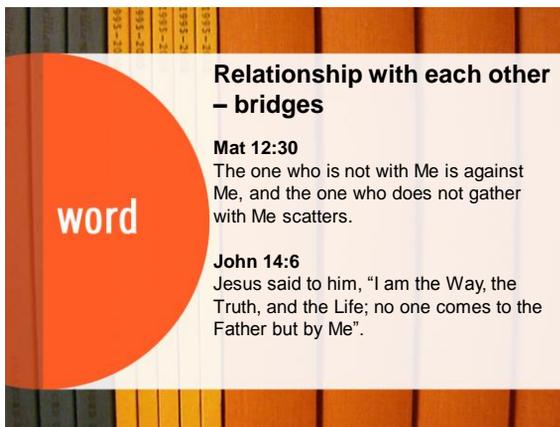
Unity that builds up

Acts 2:1-4
(1) And in the fulfilling of the day of Pentecost, they were all with one accord in one place.
(2) And suddenly a sound came out of the heaven as borne along by the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.



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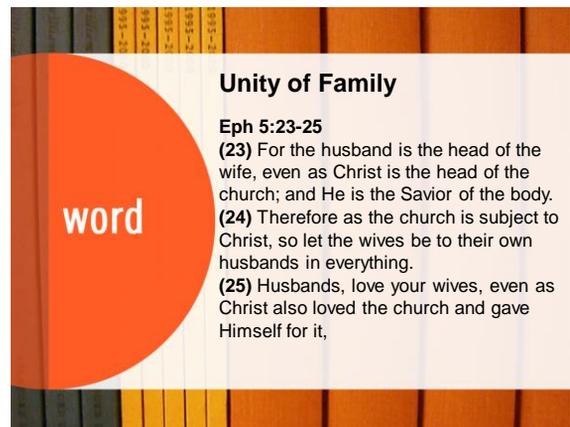
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(3) And tongues as of fire appeared to them, being distributed; and it sat upon each of them.
(4) And they were all filled of the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



**Relationship with each other
– bridges**

Mat 12:30
The one who is not with Me is against Me, and the one who does not gather with Me scatters.

John 14:6
Jesus said to him, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father but by Me".



Unity of Family

Eph 5:23-25
(23) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.
(24) Therefore as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.
(25) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it,

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The Love of Jesus Christ brings unity

Eph 3:14-21 (14) For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 (15) from whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named,
 (16) that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man;
 (17) that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and

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Eph 3:14-21 ...grounded in love,
 (18) may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth and length and depth and height,
 (19) and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God.
 (20) Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

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Eph 3:14-21 ... (21) to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, forever. Amen.