

*Power  
and  
Love*



**Ephesians**  
**3:14 — 21**



“For this reason I, Paul,  
the prisoner of Christ  
Jesus for the sake  
of you Gentiles” 3:1

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“For this reason I  
kneel before the  
Father... I pray...” 3:14



*reason*

**God's plan to bring everything to unity, 1:10**

**God reconciling everything under Christ, 2:1-22**

**Church/Christians temple God lives by his Spirit, 2:22**

**God's grace, 1:6-7; 2:5, 7-8**



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

**Eph. 3:16**

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

**17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.**





**“WHEN SOMEONE MOVES INTO A NEW HOME PERMANENTLY, THEY CHANGE THE WALLPAPER, PAINT THE CEILING, REPLACE THE CARPET AND CHUCK OUT THE OLD FURNITURE.**

**WHEN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST MOVES IN, HE GRADUALLY REDECORATES EVERYWHERE.”**

**Richard Coekin**

*Rooted & established  
in love*

“And I pray that you,  
being rooted and  
established in love,”  
Eph. 3:17b



[And I pray that you]  
may have **power**,  
together with all the  
Lord's holy people, to  
grasp how **wide** and  
**long** and **high** and **deep**  
is the love of Christ,  
Eph. 3:18

“POWER TO GRASP THE LOVE  
OF CHRIST.”

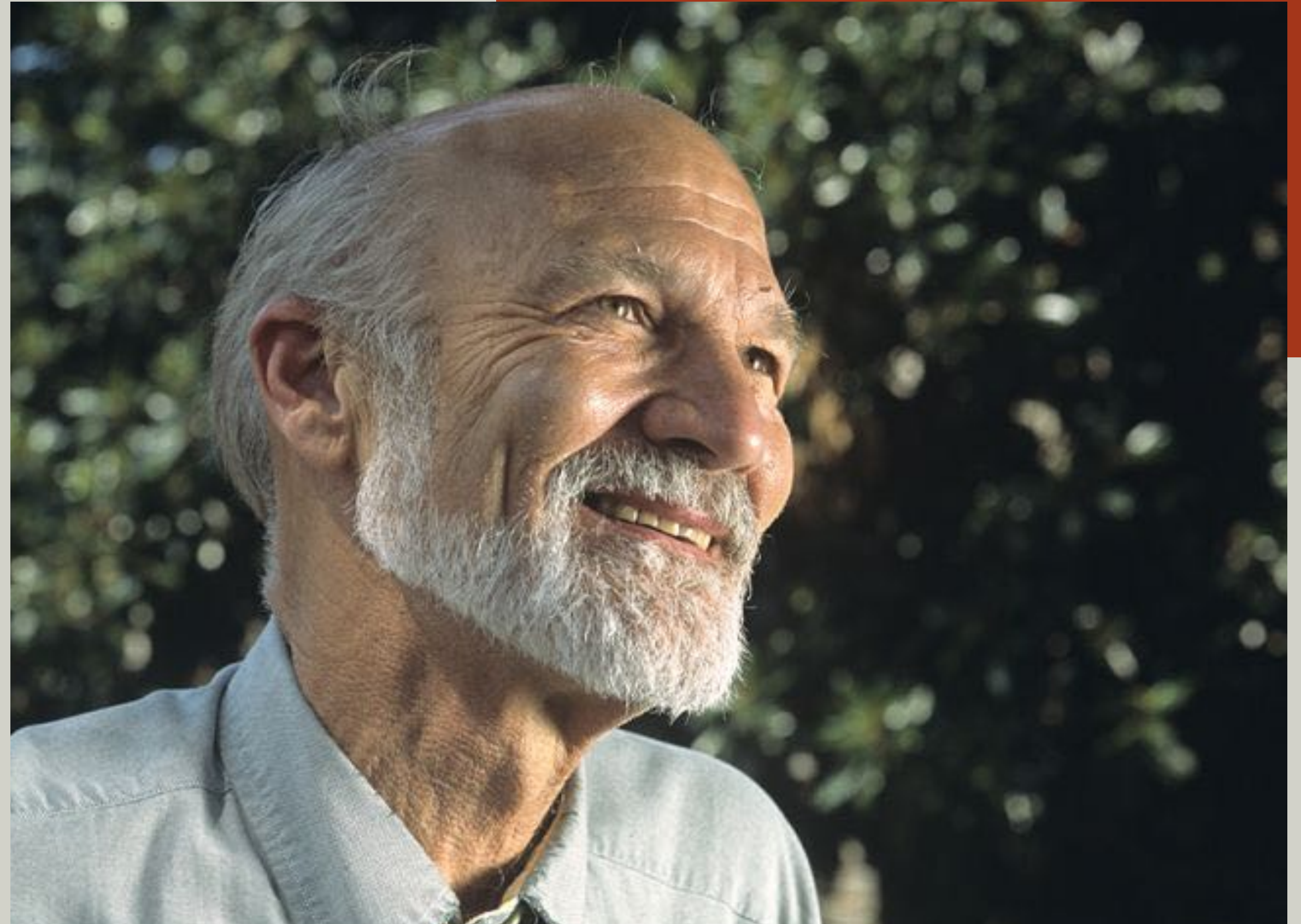




*Together  
with all the  
Lord's people*

“[And I pray that you] may have power, **together with all the Lord's holy people**, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,”

“ONLY WHEN WE LEARN HOW  
TO BE WITH THOSE  
DIFFERENT FROM US CAN WE  
LEARN TO ACCEPT THE LOVE  
THAT EACH OF US NEEDS TO  
SUSTAIN A COMMUNITY  
CAPABLE OF WORSHIPPING  
GOD.”



**Dr. Stanley Hauerwas**

to know  
this  
love



“...and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”  
Eph. 3:19

# *His power at work in us*

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

Amen.” Eph. 3:20—21



*to grasp...*

...how wide,

...high,



...how long,

...deep,

*the love of  
Christ*