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"to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge"

Christ's love is far beyond human intellect, far beyond human reason or thinking - it surpasses [hyperbollo = transcend].

"rooted"

from rhizoo - means to take root, to plant, to firmly establish; to cause a person to be thoroughly grounded

"grounded"

from themelioo - means to lay a foundation of; to found; metaphorically, to make stable, establish

"filled up to the fullness of God"

Compare with the fullness of Christ in v4:13, and the fullness of the Spirit in v5:18.

The Holy Spirit is also called the Spirit of Christ and the Spirit of God. They are one and the same God of all creation, and He lives inside of true believers. Rom 8:9-11

J. Vernon McGee on "the fullness of God"

Christ was thus filled. In proportion to our comprehension of the love of Christ, we shall be filled with all the fullness of God.

Practical Sanctification

If you are "being" encouraged daily, then you are being sanctified daily (experientially). Consider the flip side - if you are discouraged, something's wrong. God will never discourage a person for doing good.

"richly dwell"

From plousios enoikeo - (means to "extravagantly/abundantly" + "to live in" or "to be at home"); parallels "filled up to all the fullness of God" (Eph 3:19) and the "filling of the Spirit" (Eph 5:18); in context, refers to Holy Scripture's rightful place as (a) dominating presence (cp. Php 2:16)

Practical Sanctification

If you're feeling discouraged, remember that said discouragement is a result of your own human plans being smashed by the sovereign God. He's doing you a

favor by revealing to you how discouragement is at the core of the flesh! When we are disheartened or discouraged, it's usually due to our own lack of faith in Him and His plan, or our clinging on to our own plan, in some way. So when we are discouraged, we need to take a look around at our lives and see what we might be clinging to. The sooner we recognize that, and turn around and surrender, the sooner we will be encouraged, and sanctified.

Courage Is Faith Applied

Courage is really just another word for faith (applied). Therefore to be encouraged means to inspire one's faith in the direction of doing righteously.

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Faith comes from the Word imparted. The Holy Spirit will convict you of the authenticity of the Word so as to wash away any doubts! The faithful are the courageous.

He knows individually what we can bear, 1Co 10:13, and He knows when we are persevering by faith, trusting Him for completing our own sanctifications, or even purifications.

Greg Laurie

Suffering helps us grow spiritually and makes us stronger in the faith. It takes our faith from the realm of theory to reality, so we can start living out our faith in the real world.