

# Paul's Second Prayer For Ephesians

- *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,** Eph 3:14-16... Eph 3:14-16*

- 1 *to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,*
- 2 *that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith*
- 3 *that you, being rooted and grounded in love,*
- 4 *may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge;*
- 5 *that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*
- 6 *Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,*
- 7 *to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Eph 3:17-21*

# In The Strength of His Might

- Abraham's relationship with his son.
  - Did not waver at the promise through unbelief.
  - Offered Isaac concluding God would raise him.
- Joshua & Caleb were; 10 Spies were not
- David before Goliath;
- Shadrach, Meschach & Abednego – furnace
- Daniel at the Lion's den

# In the Strength of His Might

- *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" Heb 13:5-6*

# Christ dwell in your hearts thru faith

- When alone with friends and loved ones
- During the Lord's Supper
- When facing temptations and trials
- We know He is there.
- He is Lord & Christ
- I submit to Him everywhere
- He is always with us
- There is never a time we forget Him.

# Being Rooted and Grounded in Love

*rhizo-o to cause to strike root; strengthen with roots.*

**The roots of the tree gives it both stability and sustenance.**



# Our Only Means of Being Rooted

- *“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ...As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. John 15:1-6”*

# Grounded in Love

*Themelioo... to lay the foundation, to found (Thayer p. 287; 2311)*

*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, .... 1Cor 15:58*

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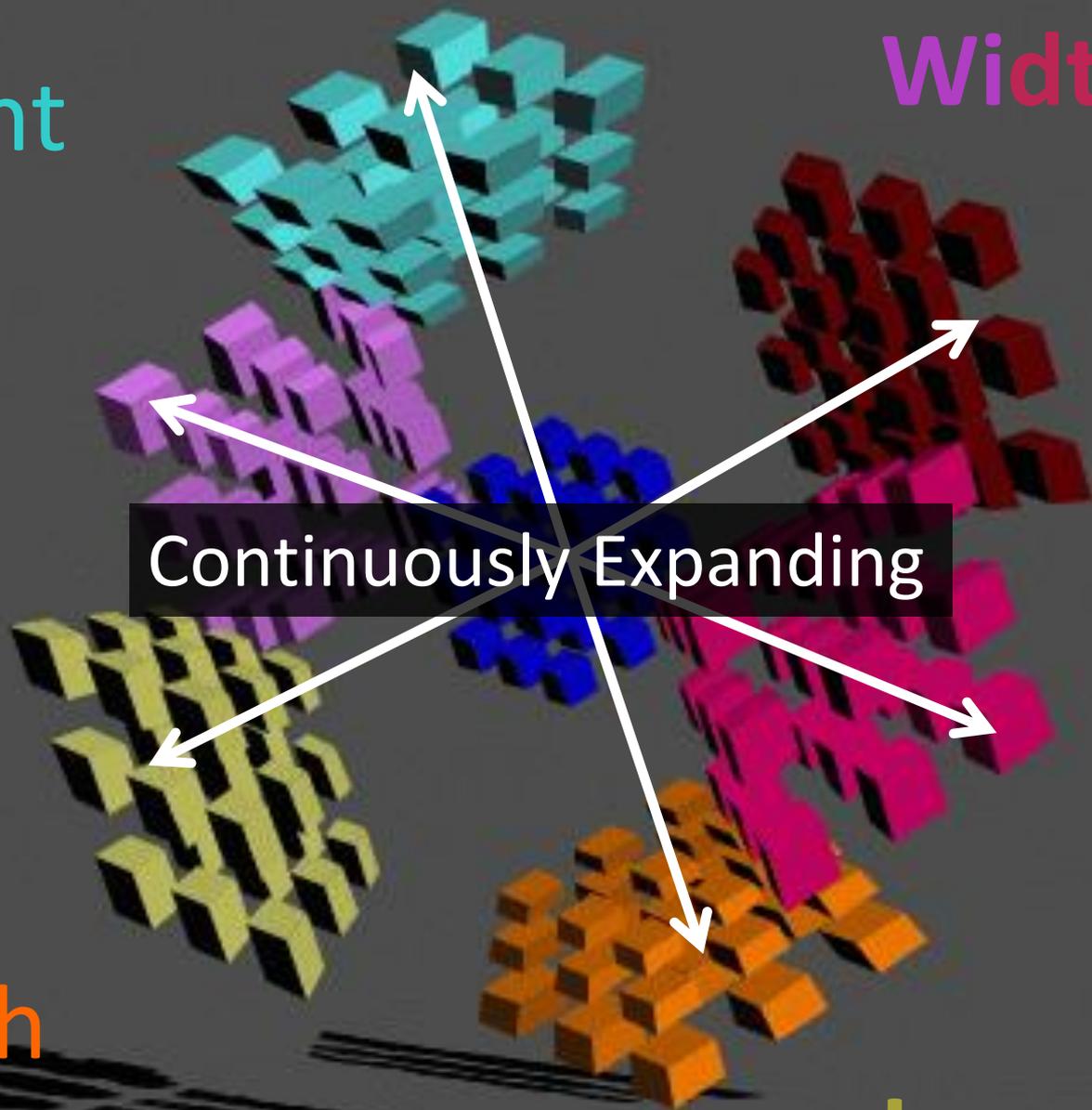
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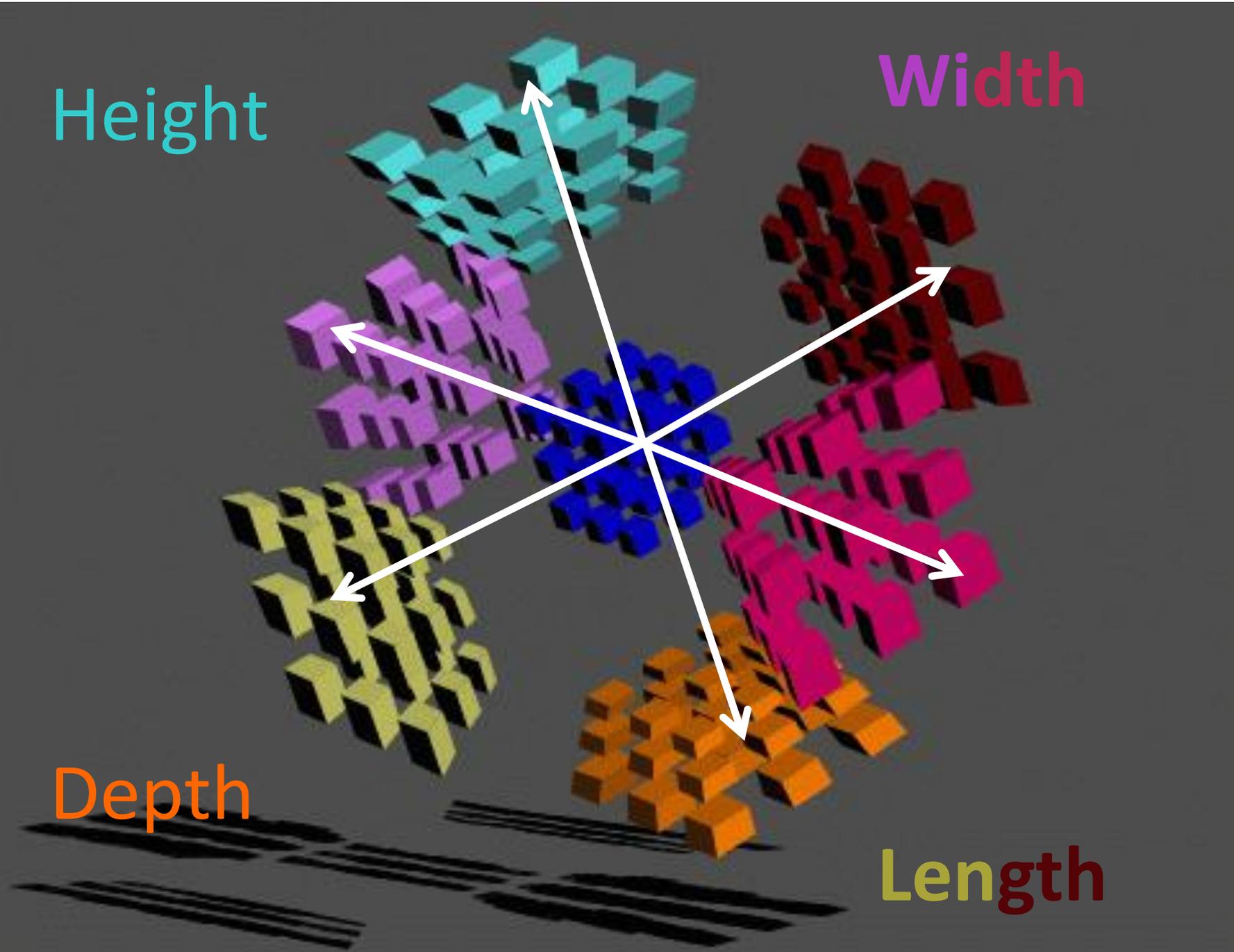


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# The Ever Expanding Nature of *agape*

- *1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, 2 fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Phil 2:1-4*

# The Ever Expanding Nature of Agape

- *Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, Phil. 2:3-8*

# Filled with All the Fullness of God

- Knowing agape-love, first leads to us to our own greater love as we become rooted and grounded.
- Then as we comprehend the vastness of Jesus' love.
- The final destination is: All the fullness of God!
- All the fullness of God within the width, length, depth, and height of *agape-love*.
- “*He who does not love does not know God, for God is love*” I Jn 4:).

# Filled with All the Fullness of God

- *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. 1Jn. 4:7-13*

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