



SUNGAI WAY-SUBANG METHODIST CHURCH
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A NEXT GENERATION *Prayer*

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

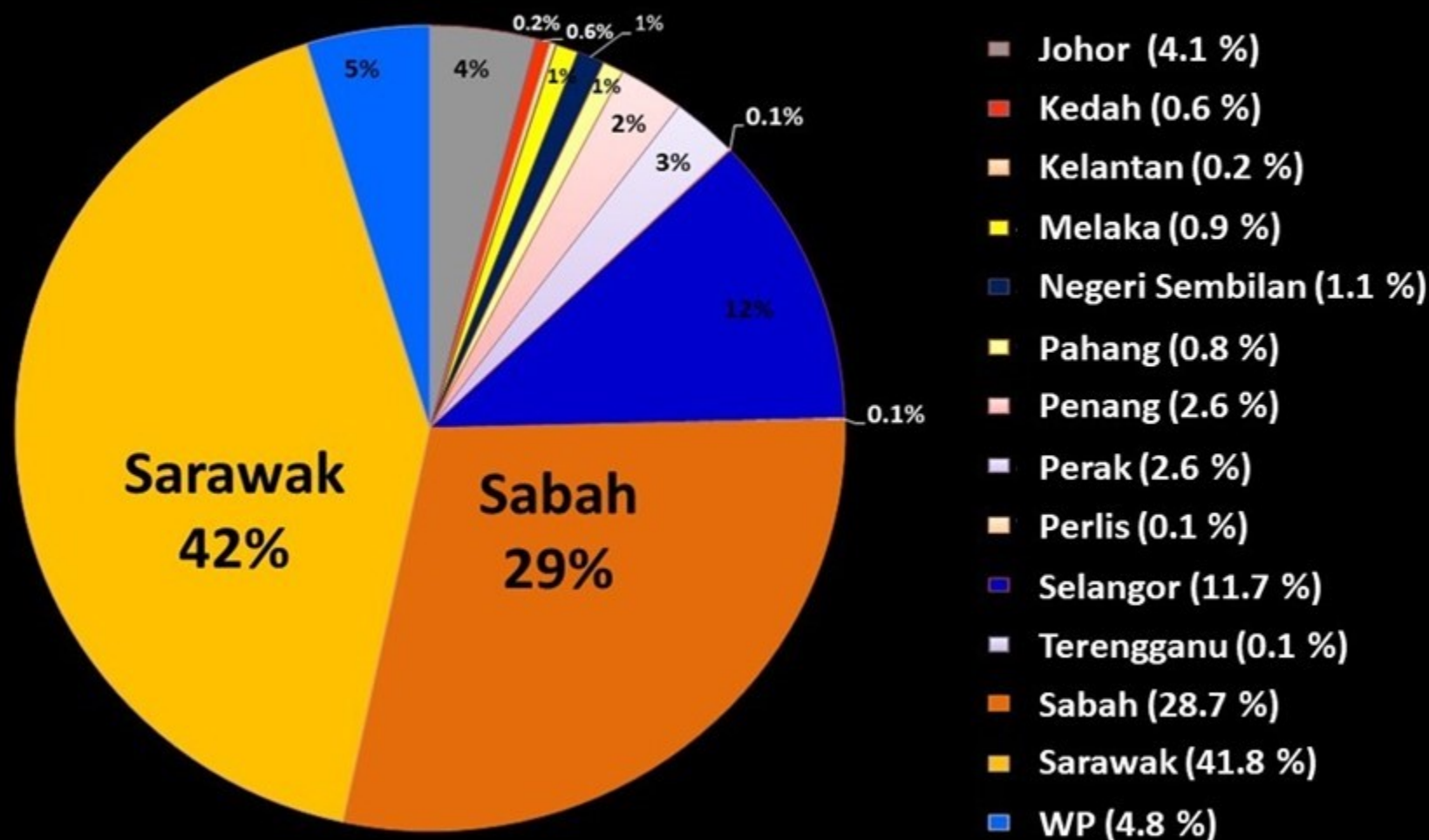
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A Next Generation

PRAYER

Ephesians 3: 14-21

Christians in **Sabah** and **Sarawak** constitute **71%** of the Church in Malaysia



Source: Population and Housing Census, 2020



65% or **1,910,000**

are **Bahasa-Speaking,
Indigenous Christians.**

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PRAYER

Ephesians 3: 14-21

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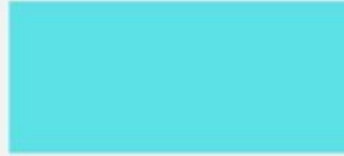


GENERATIONS

Alpha
(Born 2013-2025)



Gen Z
(Born 1997-2012)



Millennials (Gen Y)
(Born 1981-1996)



Gen X
(Born 1965-1980)

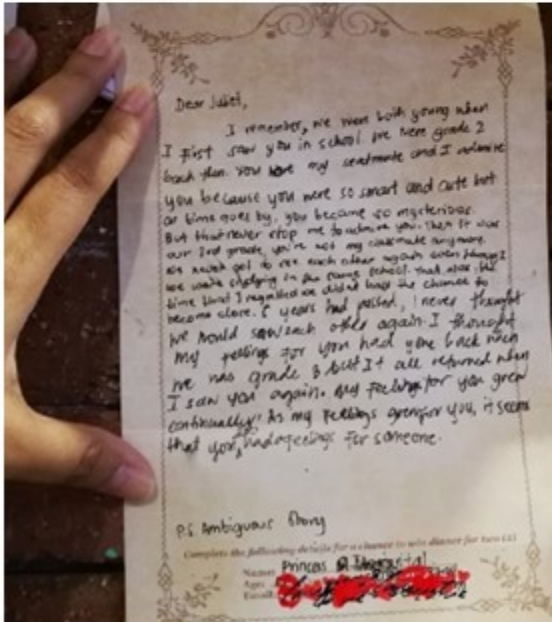


Boomers
(Born 1946-1964)



Silent
(Born 1928-1945)

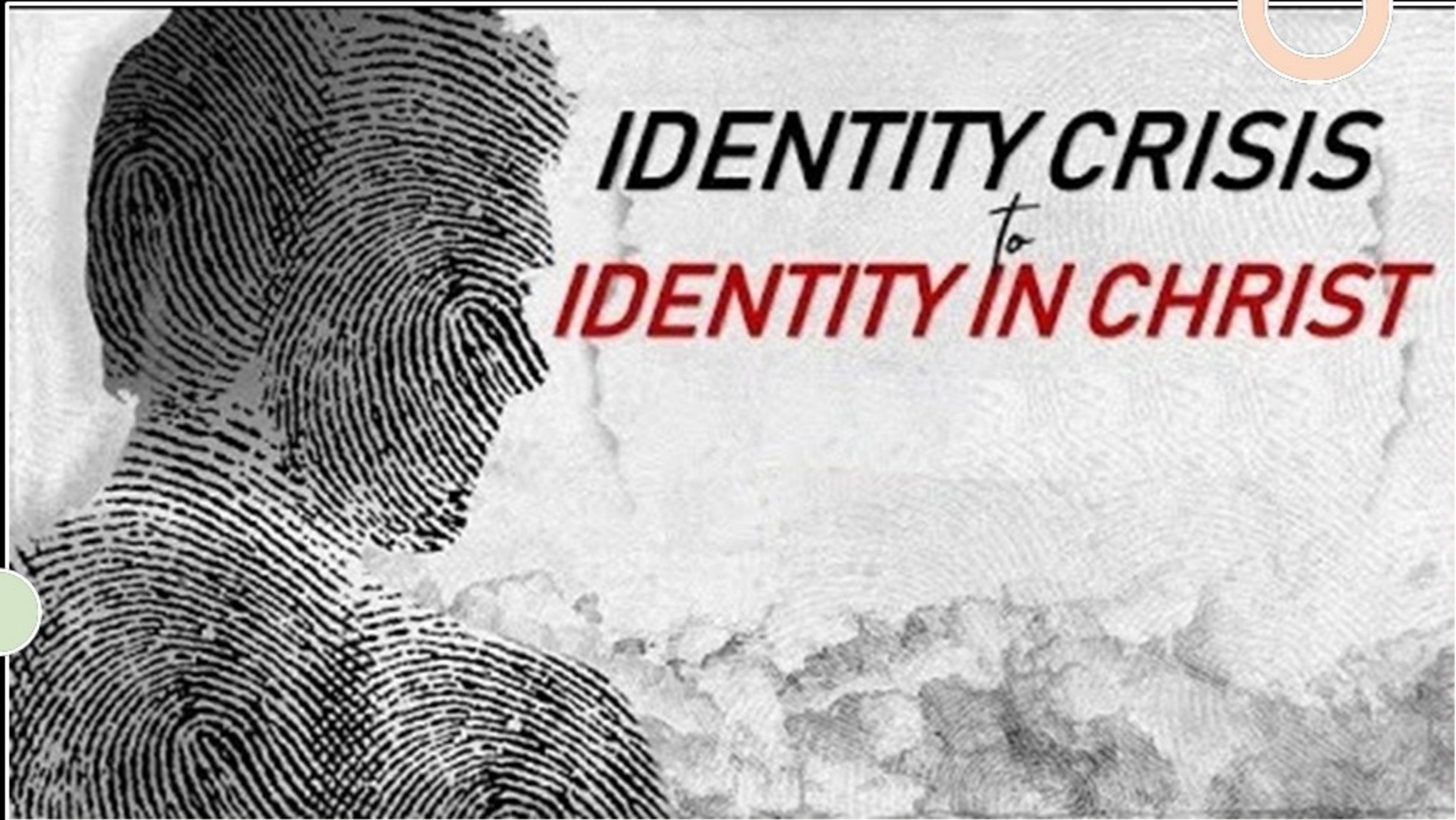






Ephesians 1-3

- **Our identity as believers in Christ**
 - ✓ **Who we are in Christ**
 - ✓ **What we have in Christ**
- **The foundation of our identity as believers is our position in Christ.**
- **To fully embrace our true identity, we must first trust what Jesus did for us.**
- **We are complete in Christ.**



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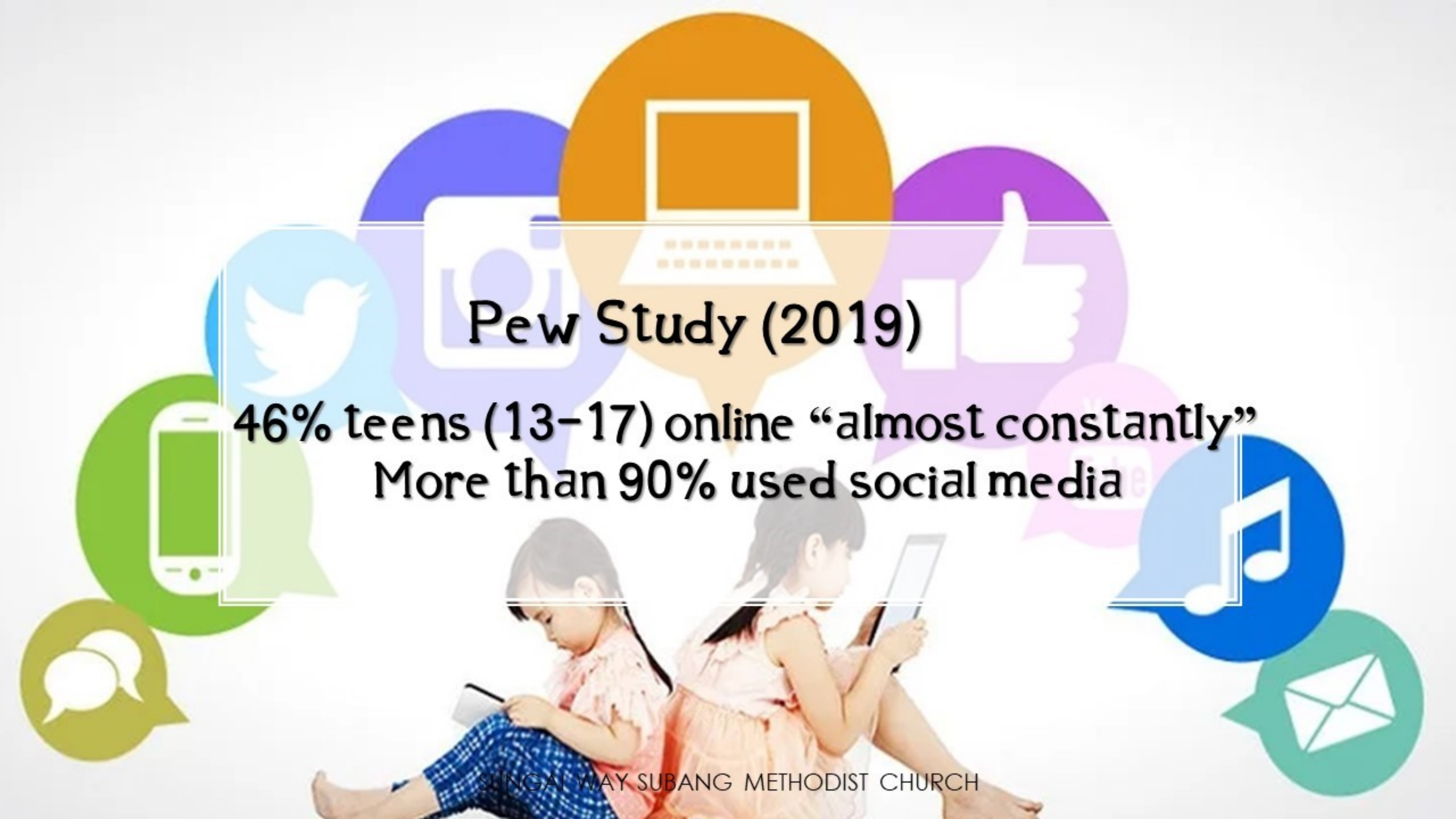
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CONTEND

FOR THE FAITH THAT WAS ONCE FOR ALL
ENTRUSTED TO GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE.

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Pew Study (2019)

**46% teens (13-17) online “almost constantly”
More than 90% used social media**



5 TOTAL FOLLOWERS IN 100M

THE WORLD'S TOP 50 SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS

From sports and movie stars to social media personalities and politicians, here are the people with the largest social media followings across platforms.



1

517M Athlete

Cristiano Ronaldo
Soccer superstar Cristiano Ronaldo is the most-followed person on both Instagram and Facebook.



2

455M Musician

Justin Bieber



4

425M Musician

Selena Gomez



3

429M Musician

Ariana Grande

Musicians account for half of the top 50 top social media influencers.



6

338M Musician

Katy Perry

109,573,836 40,300,000
67,318,510 115,543,402
5,503,030



5

361M Musician

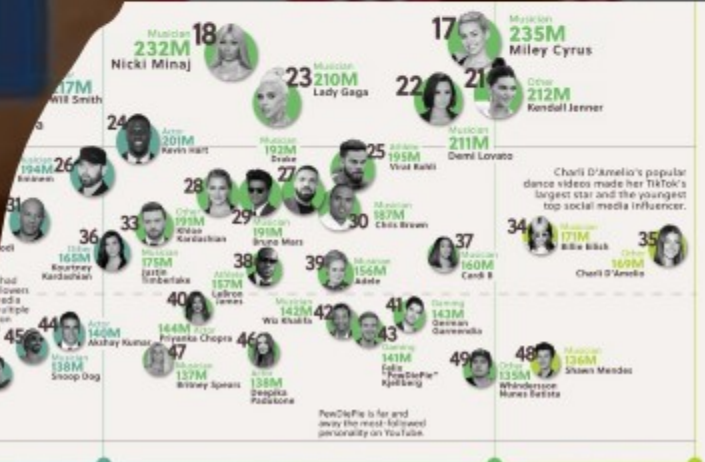
Taylor Swift

88,735,582 42,000,000
76,943,549 152,875,670



7

333M Other



My Identity In Christ

reconciled to God
blessed equipped loved
God's workmanship made alive
treasured strong in the Lord
filled with the Holy Spirit victorious
under grace more than a conqueror
never alone empowered a saint
powerful righteous a masterpiece
chosen I am... called
sealed saved
born again an ambassador for Christ
free from condemnation salt & light
justified a child of God
God's temple free a fisher-of-men
forgiven a citizen of heaven
wonderfully made transformed
redeemed an overcomer
adopted by God accepted
rescued a new creation
gifted healed

WIDESCREEN EDITION

LEONARDO DICAPRIO JENNIFER CONNELLY DJIMON HOUNSOU

BLOOD DIAMOND

5 ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATIONS

INCLUDING BEST ACTOR - BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR



DURING A BRUTAL AND TRAGIC CIVIL WAR, MILLIONS OF CHILD SOLDIERS ARE BEING EXPLOITED AND TREATED AS WEAPONS. DISCOVER THE UNSEEN INVISIBLE CHILDREN. WWW.INVISIBLECHILDREN.COM

Child Soldiers

Sierra Leone's Revolutionary United Front

MYRIAM DENOY

THEY FIGHT LIKE SOLDIERS. THEY DIE LIKE CHILDREN.

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Ephesians 3:14-21

- 14 For this reason I kneel before the Father,
15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth
derives its name.
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.
And I pray that you, being rooted and established in
love,

Ephesians 3:14-21

- 18** 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,
- 19** and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:14-21

- ²⁰ 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,
- ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!
Amen.



1. A Prayer for Inner Strength (Vs. 16)

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

"I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten, the great locusts and young locusts...."

"I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions."

Joel 2:25,28

MILLENNIALS AT CHURCH



THOSE WHO SAY CHURCH ATTENDANCE IS NOT IMPORTANT POINT TO THE FOLLOWING REASONS ..



THOSE WHO SAY CHURCH ATTENDANCE IS VERY IMPORTANT POINT TO THE FOLLOWING REASONS ..



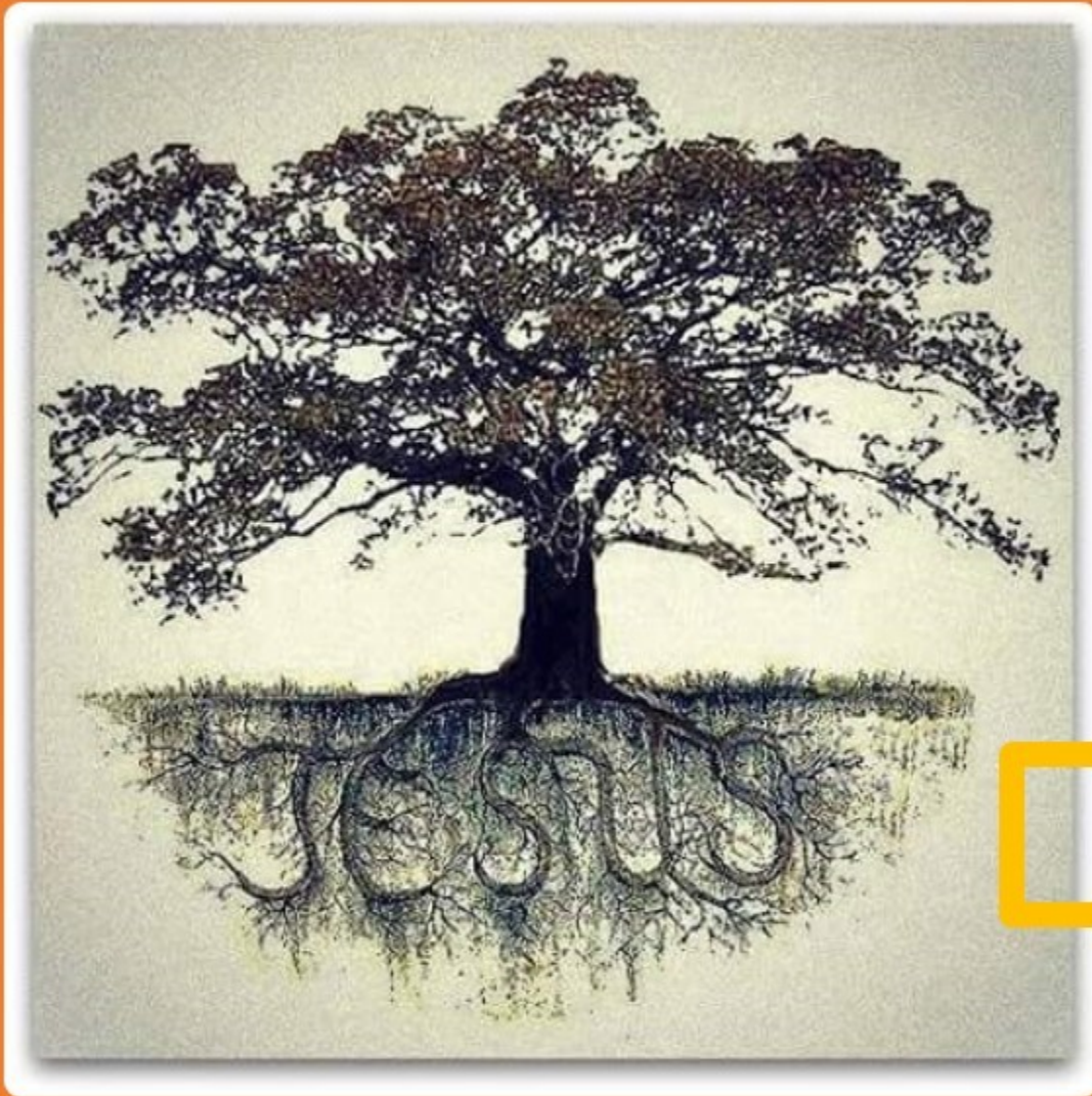


2. A Prayer for Christ to Dwell in Our Hearts (Vs. 17a)

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

3. A Prayer to be Rooted and Established in Love (Vs. 17b)

17b And I pray that you, being
rooted and established in love,



Parable of the Sower

Heart Types



Blind Heart

Heart's disposition blinds hearer from grasping God's Message.

Rocky Heart

Enthusiastic at first to God's Word, Rocky Heart shallow & lacks will to strengthen initial gift.

Rebellious Heart

Heart partially commits to Christ, leaving disastrous vulnerability to worldly desires & concerns.

Remaining Heart

Heart fully dedicated to Jesus is firmly established, reaping fruit of righteousness plentifully.

4. A Prayer to Grasp Christ's Love (Vs. 18-19)

¹⁸ 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,
¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses
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Christ's Love Is...

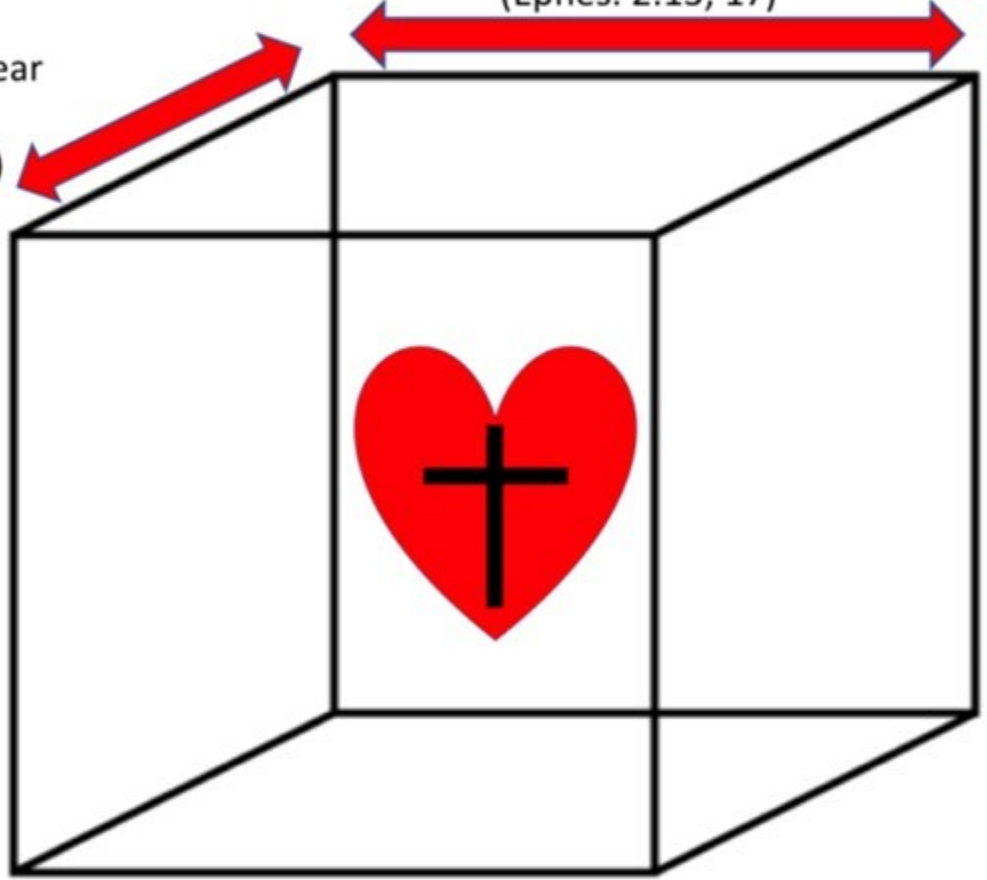


Long enough for those far from Him and near to Him
(Ephes. 1:4-5; 2:13, 17)

Wide enough for all people
(Ephes. 2:13, 17)



Deep enough for the worst of sinners
(Ephes. 4:9-10)



High enough to seat us next to Jesus far above all powers
(Ephes. 1:20-21; 2:5-6)

Prayer Requests



So, what are **our four requests?**

- *We pray for inner strength through the Spirit.*
- *We pray for Christ to dwell in our hearts through faith.*
- *We pray that we will be rooted and established in love.*
- *We pray for our hearts to grasp the greatness of Christ's love.*

Let's hear it from our children



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Pray for One Another

I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen name with power through His Spirit in name inner being, so that Christ may dwell in name heart through faith. And I pray that name being rooted and established in love, 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, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge, that name may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Amen!