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Ephesians 3:1-13

Paul Reveals The Mystery Of Gentile Inclusion

A. The Mystery Revealed (3:1-6)

1. The requirements of the revelation (3:1-4)

a. Commitment (vv 1-2)

1) In sentence (v 1)

2) In stewardship (v 2)

Acts 9:15-16

b. Comprehension (vv 3-4)

1) Shared by God to Paul (v 3)

2) Shared by Paul to others (v 4)

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A. The Mystery Revealed (3:1-6) - continued

2. The results of the revelation (3:5-6)

a. Understanding (v 5)

Acts 10:34

b. Unity (v 6)

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B. The Ministry of Grace (3:7-9)

1. Empowers (3:7)

1 Peter 4:10

2. Extends to all (3:8)

1 Timothy 1:15-16

3. Expected to be shown (3:9)

Colossians 1:27

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C. The Manifested Wisdom of God (3:10-13)

1. Proved by the church (3:10)

1 Peter 1:12

2. Purposed in Christ (3:11)

3. Provides confident access by faith (3:12)

4. Perseveres through trials (3:13)

Do Not Keep God A Mystery To You Or To Others

Please, God
Ephesians 3:13-21

Paul Prays For The Believers At Ephesus

I. The Cause of His Prayer (3:14-15)

A. Regard for the Father (3:14-15)

1. In reverence (v 14)

Ephesians 3:14

For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Peter 4:11

If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

I. The Cause of His Prayer (3:14-15)

A. Regard for the Father (3:14-15)

2. In relation (v 15)

Ephesians 3:15

Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

Ephesians 2:21

**In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth
unto an holy temple in the Lord:**

II. The Content of His Prayer (3:16-19)

A. Reinforcing the inner man (3:16)

Ephesians 3:16

That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

1. The source of strength

Psalm 18:32

It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

II. The Content of His Prayer (3:16-19)

A. Reinforcing the inner man (3:16) - continued

2. The subject of the strengthening

2 Corinthians 4:16

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

1 Timothy 4:8

For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

1 Corinthians 16:13

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

II. The Content of His Prayer (3:16-19)

B. Residing of Christ (3:17)

Ephesians 3:17

**That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye,
being rooted and grounded in love,**

II. The Content of His Prayer (3:16-19)

B. Residing of Christ (3:17)

1. Realized by faith

Matthew 13:21

Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

2. Resting on love

Colossians 2:7

Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

II. The Content of His Prayer (3:16-19)

C. Realizing the immensity of Christ's love (3:18-19)

Ephesians 3:18-19

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 passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

II. The Content of His Prayer (3:16-19)

C. Realizing the immensity of Christ's love (3:18-19)

1. Its requirement – to all saints

Colossians 2:2

**That their hearts might be comforted,
being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full
assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of
the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;**

II. The Content of His Prayer (3:16-19)

C. Realizing the immensity of Christ's love (3:18-19) (continued)

2. Its reach – to the uttermost

Romans 8:38-39

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

II. The Content of His Prayer (3:16-19)

C. Realizing the immensity of Christ's love (3:18-19) (continued)

3. Its regard – to know

Philippians 3:10

**That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection,
and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made
conformable unto his death;**

4. Its result – to be filled with fulness

Ephesians 4:13

**Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the
knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto
the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:**

III. The Conclusion Of His Prayer (3:20-21)

A. The awe of God's power (3:20)

Ephesians 3:20

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

III. The Conclusion Of His Prayer (3:20-21)

A. The awe of God's power (3:20)

1. Greater in ability

Jeremiah 32:27

Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

2. Greater in activity

1 John 4:4

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

III. The Conclusion Of His Prayer (3:20-21)

B. The adoration of God person (3:21)

Ephesians 3:21

**Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus
throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.**

Hebrews 13:15

**By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God
continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to
his name.**

James 5:16

**Confess your faults one to another,
and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.
The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man
availeth much.**