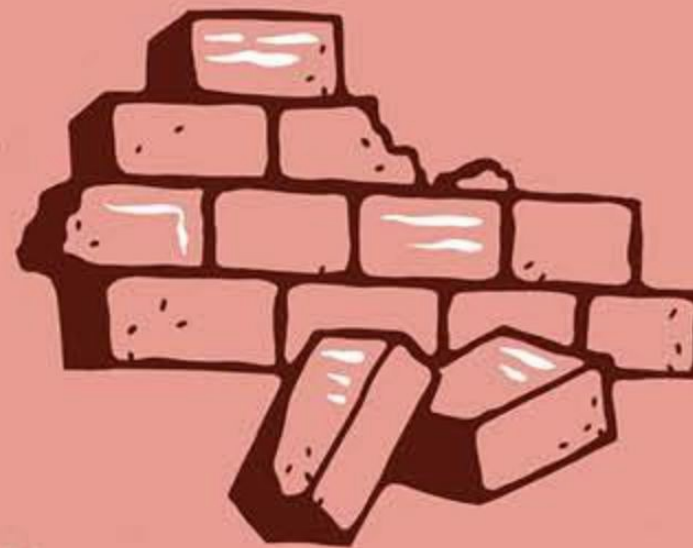




# EPHESIANS

3:1-13





## **Ephesians 3:1 – 3**

**<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—**

**<sup>2</sup>Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.**

## **Ephesians 3:4 – 6**

**<sup>4</sup>In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup>This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.**

## **Ephesians 3:7 – 9**

**<sup>7</sup>I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.**

# Ephesians 3:10 – 13

**<sup>10</sup>His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup>according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup>In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. <sup>13</sup>I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.**

- 1. The Mystery of God's grace.**
- 2. The Outworking of God's grace.**

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***Romans 9:24 – 25***

**...even us, whom he also called, not only  
from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?**

**As he says in Hosea:**

**“I will call them ‘my people’ who are not  
my people; and I will call her ‘my loved  
one’ who is not my loved one,”**

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***Romans 9:26***

**...and,**

**“In the very place where it was said to  
them, ‘You are not my people,’ there  
they will be called ‘children of the  
living God.’”**

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**At the appropriate time in history, God sent his son Jesus into the world to condemn all peoples of sin and reconcile all peoples to himself not by making Gentiles, Jews or making Jews, Gentiles but by making a new people in his own spiritual image. This is what Paul calls the mystery.**



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***Ephesians 2:19 – 20***

**Consequently, you are no longer foreigners  
and strangers, but fellow citizens with  
God's people and also members of his  
household, built on the foundation of the  
apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus  
himself as the chief cornerstone.**

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***If there is only one place in the world  
where cultures, races and generations  
should live in unity, love, and peace it  
is the church.***

- **Friendship**
- **Partnership**

- **Worship**
- **Confrontation**

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- ***Reconciliation:*** His enemy becomes his friend
- ***Revelation:*** His gospel is revealed to the angelic host
- ***Access:*** His children can approach him in freedom and confidence
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***Ephesians 3:12***

**In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.**

***Access:* His children can approach him in freedom and confidence.**

**Low self-esteem or arrogance**

***Ephesians 3:17 – 19***

**And I pray that you 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 you may be filled to the measure of the fullness of God.**



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**Paul is rejoicing in what God  
is accomplishing through  
his suffering**

***Ephesians 3:1,13 – 14***

**For this reason, I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—**

**I ask you therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.**

**For this reason I kneel before the Father...**

***Purpose:*** His servants see  
purpose in their painful sacrifice.

***2 Timothy 2:10***

**Therefore I endure everything for  
the sake of the elect, that they too  
may obtain the salvation that is in  
Christ Jesus with eternal glory.**

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