

Ephesians Bible Study Notes

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Ephesians 3:1-13

Recap – Literary Context

What was Chapter 1 about?

- Spiritual blessings in Christ
 - o Adoption as children through Jesus Christ (v.5)
 - o Redemption through his blood, forgiveness of sins (v.7)
 - o Obtained an inheritance (v.11)
 - o Sealed with the Holy Spirit (v.13)
- Prayer of Paul
 - o He does not stop giving thanks (v.16) and does not stop praying for them.
 - Because of their faith in Jesus and their love for the saints (v.15)
 - o He prays for God to give them the Holy Spirit (v.17), who will
 - Open the eyes of their heart (v.18) to understand
 - the hope (v.18)
 - the riches (v.18) of his glorious inheritance
 - the greatness of his power (v.19)
 - o This same power that was in work in Christ.
 - Who is far above all rule, authority, power, and dominion.
 - Who has been...
 - given all things under his feet.
 - become the head of the church
 - o church, who is the body of Christ.

What was Chapter 2:1-10 about?

- Spiritual condition apart from Jesus Christ (v.1-3)
 - o We are dead in our transgressions
- Spiritual condition in Jesus Christ (v.4-10)
 - o Made alive in Jesus Christ

What was Chapter 2:11-22 about?

- Before the cross
 - o Foreigners
- Through the cross
 - o Unites us (Jews and Gentiles) as one people/humanity to God.
 - o Fellow heirs

- Temple – dwelling place
 - Worship.

Part 1 – The Message

- Why does Paul say that he is a prisoner for Christ (v.1)?
 - _____
- By what means did Paul understand this mystery (v.3)? _____
- What is the significance of this mystery (v.5)?
 - _____
 - **Meaning of the word.
 - μυστήριον – something hidden/covered that must be revealed.
- What is the mystery of Christ (v.6)?
 - That _____ are...
 - 1) fellow _____
 - 2) _____ of the same body
 - 3) _____ in Christ Jesus through the gospel

Part 2 – The Messenger

- By what means was Paul given this task of minister/servant (v.7)?
 - the working of his _____.
- What was the grace of God given to the apostle Paul (v.8-9)?
 - 1) to _____ to the _____ the unsearchable riches of Christ
 - 2) to _____ to light for everyone what is the _____ of his mystery hidden for ages.
- What does the church display about God (v.10)?
 - His manifold _____.
- What has God accomplished in Christ Jesus (v.11)?
 - His _____.
- Knowing this, how should we approach God (v.12)?
 - with _____ and _____.
 - παρρησία – boldness, plainly, openly (자신있게)
 - πεποίθησις – confidence, assurance (확신)
 - Those who have faith in Jesus have all-access to God and his promises (Eph 2:18).
- Why could someone be discouraged about Paul’s imprisonment (v.13)?
 - _____

Main Idea

The mystery of the gospel that Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promise of God through Jesus Christ has been revealed to us by means of messengers like the apostle Paul. This gospel message has revealed the manifold wisdom of God in the heavenly realms and has given us boldness and confidence to approach God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Applications for Life and Faith
