

# EPHESIANS

## Spiritual Blessings – 1:3-14

- **Election**: v4. *“he chose us in him before the foundation of the world”*
- **Predestination**: v5, 11. *“he predestined us for adoption to himself”*
- **Adoption**: v5. *“for adoption to himself as sons”*
- **Grace**: v6, 7. *“according to the riches of his grace”*
- **Redemption**: v7, 14. *“In him we have redemption”*
- **Forgiveness**: v7. *“the forgiveness of our trespasses”*
- **Revelation**: v9, 10. *“making known to us the mystery of his will”*
- **Union w. Christ**: v10. *“to unite all things in him”*
- **Gospel**: v13. *“the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation”*
- **Sealed & Secure**: v13, 14. *“sealed with the promised Holy Spirit”*



Paul prayed for the church 1:15 – 23

That God may give us:

- The Spirit of **wisdom** and **revelation** in the **knowledge** of him
- Eyes of your **hearts enlightened**
- Know what is the **hope** to which he has called you
- Know the riches of **his glorious inheritance** in the saints
- Know the immeasurable **greatness of his power** toward us
  - The power that **raised Jesus** from the dead
  - Christ **seated at the right hand** of the Father
    - **Far above all** rule and authority, power and dominion
    - In **this age and the age to come**
    - **Head of the church**

# What God Has Done 2:1-10

We were all dead

He made us alive – together with Christ

Raised us up and seated us with Him in Christ

So that in the coming ages:

He might show immeasurable riches of His grace toward us

In Christ

By grace you have been saved

Not of works – no boasting

We are his workmanship – for good works



## What God Has Done 2:11-22

- Remember **we had no hope** and without **God** in the world
- But now **Christ brought us near** by his blood
- **He** is our **peace**
- **He** made both Jew and Gentile “**one**”
- Both Jew and Gentile have **access** to the **Father** in one **Spirit**
- No longer strangers, but now **fellow citizens**
- **Household of God** built on foundation of the apostles & prophets
- **Christ Jesus** the cornerstone
- Joined together & being built - **a dwelling place** for **God** by the **Spirit**

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## CHAPTER 3



## Ephesians 3 - Past Ignorance – Present Revelation

- The “Mystery” revealed by **revelation** to Paul
- In the past generations there was **ignorance**
- The mystery is:  
Gentiles are fellow heirs with the Jews – **one body** – by faith in Christ Jesus

# Ephesians 3 – The Role of the Church

Therefore:

“through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known”

Therefore:

I bow my knee and pray that he grant:

- That you to be strengthened with power in your inner being
- That Christ may dwell in your hearts
- That you will be rooted and grounded in love
- That you know the love of Christ



## Ephesians 3:1-3

**For this reason** I, Paul, a prisoner of **Christ Jesus** on behalf of you Gentiles—

<sup>2</sup> assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,

<sup>3</sup> how **the mystery was made known to me by revelation**, as I have written briefly.

Paul, a **prisoner** of **Christ Jesus** on behalf of you Gentiles—

- By the time Paul wrote the book of Ephesians, he had been in **prison for five years**.
- **Falsely charged** with taking Trophimus (a Gentile) into forbidden area of the Temple – Acts 21
- **Paul suffered** – falsely accused, held in prison, many hardships, physical suffering, near death experiences.  
2 Corinthians 11:23-27
- **Suffering was from God** – Acts 20:22-23, 2 Timothy 1:11-12
- Paul saw his suffering as “**worth it**” - Romans 8:18



Paul, a prisoner of **Christ Jesus** on behalf of you Gentiles —

What about **our** lives?

- Do **we** suffer? 1 Peter 4:12-13
- Is the suffering of a believer from God?
- Are there benefits from suffering?

# DISCUSSION