

EPHESIANS: BECOMING WHO WE ARE

"God's Great Mystery & Our Greatest Need"

Ephesians 3

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He wants us to understand the mystery...

- 1) The messenger of the mystery vs. 1-3
 - He was a <u>prisoner</u> & a <u>steward</u> of Christ
- 2) The meaning of the mystery vs. 4-6
 - How it was <u>concealed</u> & <u>revealed</u>
 - What it signified
- 3) The mission of the mystery vs. 7-9
 - To serve, share, & to shine
- 4) The motivation of the mystery vs. 10
 - The wisdom of God made known through the Church to the angels
- 5) The <u>magnificence</u> of the mystery vs. 11-13
 - He planned it in <u>eternity</u>
 - He gives us complete access to Him
 - He brings meaning to our <u>suffering</u>

All scripture is from the NASB (New American Standard Bible, 1995 version), unless otherwise noted.

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He wants us to understand our greatest need...

- 1) We pray in <u>desperation</u> vs. 14-15
- 2) We pray for revelation vs. 16-19
 - Strengthen us
 - <u>Deepen</u> us
 - Help us (understand His great love)
 - <u>Fill</u> us (with the Father)
- 3) We pray in <u>expectation</u> vs. 20-21

Our Response:

- 1) What is your reaction to the explanation of this great mystery? How does that compare to Paul's and others?
- 2) How would you explain the mystery Paul describes here to someone else? Why is this so important?
- 3) How does this mystery encourage your faith that this has been God's plan from the very beginning?
- 4) What does Paul describe as our greatest need? Is it outside or inside? Do you see these as your greatest need? Why or why not?
- 5) Does your prayer life include desperation and expectation? Why is this necessary? Why did Paul pray this way?
- 6) Share a specific time you prayed desperately and expectantly and God answered. What impact did it have?

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