

Review of Chapters 3 and 4

EPHESIANS Chapter 3:1-7

Paul talks about how he learned about the Mystery of Christ. We went back to Act 9 looking at Paul on the Damascus Road. Why he was going there. How Christ permanently changed Paul's life.

Verse 6 is the **Key**: ~ **Mystery Explained** ~

Mystery GK: the content of something which was not known before. Now revealed to an in-group. IE: Church.

Three "Togethers" Anytime something mentioned 3 times in scripture.. Important

- 1) **"Heirs together"** with Jews
- 2) **"members together of one body"** The oneness we spoke of earlier. Unity is an important theme in Ephesians epistle and the church. Jesus wants us to be one in more than name only.
- 3) **"sharers together."** GK: Share in the possession of something The promises given us by Christ. What are the promises? I give you eternal life and you shall never perish. John 3:16.

Jews would not accept this truth! They despised Gentiles intensely! How could God forgive and accept them?

Who are the people that we as the church don't reach out to?

- What if a prostitute came to church? What if a gay couple came to church? How would people respond? Judgement, avoidance, righteously indignation? How dare they come here! →
- Chuck Smith and the surfer with long hair and shorts. The flower children!

Would we expect them to clean up their lives before coming to church?

EPHESIANS 3:8 - 13

Verse 10 "through the church"

Manifold wisdom GK: Multi-faceted like light reflecting through a diamond.

Made known GK: to cause something to be fully known by revealing clearly and in detail.

Rulers and Authorities Eph 6:12 Daniel "prince of Persia" **Dan 10:10 - 13**

Verse 11 **Eternal Purpose**. God had all this planned out before the foundations of Earth.

Verse 13 **Sufferings**

Sufferings are for **your glory**.

- II Cor 1:3-4
- Romans 5:3-5
- James 1:2-4 Complete Total Joy

Never be **discouraged GK**: lose one's motivation to accomplish some valid goal. Coward, lose one's courage.

EPHESIANS VERSES 14 – 21 Paul's Second Prayer for Ephesian Believers

Verse 16:

Glorious: GK: the quality of splendid, remarkable appearance.

Riches: GK: an abundance of possessions exceeding the norm. Eph 1:7-8 riches of his grace lavished on us!

Out of Better Translation: "According to measure of" Rockefeller caddy story

Strengthen GK: To make strong and powerful with **overcoming power** to overcome **resistance**. Why?

What resistance might we encounter? Family, friends, work, play, hobbies, fatigue, etc

Power GK: Dynamus dynamic living power!

Super Charged!!

Through His Spirit God's Spirit touches His world for Christ through us! →

- Moves
- Consuls
- Comforts

Inner Being: Mine: new nature which is the "real you"! We are a new creation in Christ!

Verse 17:

Dwell GK: Feel completely at home /comfortable. Ever been to a place where you just wish you weren't there?

How comfortable does Christ feel in your life?

Paul is praying for a closer walk and relationship with Christ in which Jesus FEELS at home in us!!

Heart --- Mine: The very being of who and what we are.

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All **through faith**. Faith was necessary to believe Christ's death atoned for my sins. Faith believes we can allow ourselves to be a place where Christ comfortably dwells.

Both rooted and grounded words below are **perfect tense** participles **passive** voice

Rooted GK: Like a well rooted tree. Firmly fixed and constant. **Louw**: to become strengthened, with focus upon the source of such strength. That source is Christ!

No matter how many or how hard the wind may blow, the tree stays put!

Grounded GK: Architectural term referring to the foundation upon which we build. GK: **Louw**: to provide a firm basis for belief or practice. Cause to be steadfast!

A tree growing in nutrient rich ground that is well watered! That tree will prosper through all types of storms. In **LOVE**: Agree. All of this grounding and rooting occurs only in **the petri dish of love**. **I John 4:7-12**

Sin causes Christ to not be comfortable dwelling. Sin hinders are growth in Christ. Our Walk!

Verse 18: Paul talks about that love now...

Able (power) GK: to be in full strength. Fully able

Col 2:2

Heb 11:40

With ALL of the saints – Connecting with saints is critical for our own spiritual well-being.

We learn more with others than we do in a Lone Ranger lifestyle. How well we connect with other saints has an impact on our spiritual life. Do believers run to us when they see us or do they run from us?

Comprehend GK: Comes from a root word "to overcome". To lay hold of, seize, with **eagerness**, suddenness. To understand something not previously understood.

Wide Long High Deep **Love of Christ**.

His love is so deep beyond understanding, but he wants us to know the fullness of his love for us more and more with each passing day, week, month, and year!

Believers do need to hear about "**HOW MUCH JESUS LOVES THEM**"!!!!!!

Verse: 19

Know GK: Know experientially through experience **Active voice Verbal Noun**.

We must exert the effort to get to know/experience him personally and more intimately. We don't learn it through Jesus pouring it into our heads! We learn and know by experience. ...**This LOVE**

Surpasses GK: Far exceeding the ordinary. **Knowledge** GK: Present and fragmentary, ie bits and pieces. Filled to the **measure GK** Total quantity with emphasis on completeness.

All the fullness of God

AMP: 19 [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

Verse: 20 **LIFE VERSE potential!!**

More than can ask or dare imagine

His Power GK: able capable 'achieving power'

Work GK: active, effective, operative power with a focus on the energy or force behind the work. Who is the force behind all we do? Jesus!!! Phil 2:13 God in you who wills and acts according to his good pleasure.

Romans 11:20 to explain trembling if necessary.

God gives us the power to do whatever we need to have happen!

AMP v 20 Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over *and* above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]

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EPHESIANS Chapter 4:1-10

Verse 1 Live a life Worthy **GK**: being fitting or proper in corresponding to what should be expected
Col 1:9 Live a life worthy of the calling you have received...

Calling Eph 2:10 Talked about Heavenly Bema 5 Crowns

Verse 2

COMPLETELY humble, gentle, bearing with one another in love.

Verse 3

Unity of Spirit through the bond of Peace. UNITY is stressed throughout this chapter!

What are we doing to build unity of believers around us?

EPHESIANS Chapter 4:11-16

Verse 11 Church offices. Four easy to understand but one is more challenging.

Prophet: In the **OT the Spirit** did not permanently indwell a person NOR come upon ALL people. Jer 31:34

David said, Do not take your Holy Spirit from me **Psalm 51:11**

I Sam 16:14 Spirit left Saul. Samuel dead. Saul consulted with a witch to try to find help when trouble came.

How did God speak to Jews in OT? Moses. Jews still looking for a prophet like Moses 2 come to talk with God.

Spirit in NT Agabus told Paul he would be bound. Why God used Agabus? Couldn't God speak to Paul?

I Cor 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells (**PIN**) in you?

Eph 1:13 – 14 irrevocable deposit with guarantee of more to come

When God's Spirit nudges us into action for a person, does that make us a prophet?

What you choose to believe is up to you. Here is my concern:

CONCERN: There are people even in Lebanon who claim to be a prophet. What they proclaim does not confirm what the bible says. "False Prophets".

Verse 12 - 13 **FOCUS on purpose of pastor and body.**

Prepare God's people for works (ministries) of service to build up all believers to a "unity in the faith and knowledge of Jesus".

EPHESIANS Chapter 4:17-27

Don't live like the Gentiles do in the futility of their thinking.

Lost all sensitivity. Sold themselves to sin. Their minds seek for ways to dive deeper into sinful lifestyles.

Push in of sinful lifestyles on to us to try to soften us into acceptance. TV shows. Luke Skywalker gay!!

EPHESIANS Chapter 4:28-32

Verse 28 Stewardship: Giving is a THREE part act: Love, Worship, and Faith **GK: Share** – ongoing action.

Stewards of resources including money, materials, and our time. Monthly Budget and Time Budget

Verse 29

Unwholesome/Corrupt (GK: rotten, worn out, unfit for use, worthless, bad.)

come out of/proceed mouth! **GK: Present Imperative** (Command & Ongoing action) Don't say the words!

Actual GK word order: "every word that is corrupt, out of your mouth let it not proceed."

Words can grieve the Holy Spirit that lives inside of us.

Verse 31

Get Rid of: Bitterness. You can't hide bitterness. Comes out in one's words, attitudes, and actions.

Escalating levels of bitter in this verse.

Verse 32

Forgiving as Christ has forgiven us. That's a TALL order!