

## **“Abundantly More”**

Ephesians 3

### **I. The \_\_\_\_\_ Was Revealed:**

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

God’s \_\_\_\_\_ motivated Paul to \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gentiles no matter the cost.  
(Ephesians 6:20; 2 Timothy 1:8-12; Ephesians 3:13)

*“<sup>2</sup>If indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you.”*

By God’s \_\_\_\_\_, God called Paul to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of His grace to the Gentiles.

*“<sup>3</sup>That by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. <sup>4</sup>By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit.”*  
(Colossians 4:16; Colossians 1:25-28; Colossians 1:15-23)

### **The Mystery from Colossians:**

**Christ in \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ of glory!**

This means the indwelling presence of Jesus Christ in believers though the \_\_\_\_\_ and the future expectations that we have of being with \_\_\_\_\_ one day.

*“<sup>6</sup>To be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, <sup>7</sup>of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.”*

### **The Mystery from Ephesians:**

- 1) Gentile believers were fellow \_\_\_\_\_ in God’s inheritance.** (Ephesians 1:13-14)
- 2) Gentile believers are fellow \_\_\_\_\_ of the body of Christ.** (Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13)
- 3) Gentile believers are fellow \_\_\_\_\_ of the promise in Jesus Christ.**

*“<sup>8</sup>To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things.”*

### **God’s grace led Paul to do two things:**

- 1) To \_\_\_\_\_ the unfathomable riches of Christ.** (Romans 11:33)
- 2) To make \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery of the Gospel.**

*“<sup>10</sup>So that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.”*

**One of the purposes of the church’s existence and unity is to illuminate God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 Peter 1:10-12)**

*“<sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him. <sup>13</sup>Therefore I ask you not to lose heart at my tribulations on your behalf, for they are your glory.”*

**We have free \_\_\_\_\_ to God by His grace through \_\_\_\_\_ in our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**II. Paul’s \_\_\_\_\_:**

*“<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.”*

**Paul \_\_\_\_\_ down and \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“<sup>16</sup>That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man.”*

**Paul prayed that the believers would be strengthened with the Holy Spirit’s \_\_\_\_\_ who already dwells in them.**

*“<sup>17</sup>So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.”*

**The first purpose of Paul’s prayer is that Christ may be \_\_\_\_\_ in us.**

**The second purpose of Paul’s prayer is that believers will \_\_\_\_\_ how much Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ us.**

*“<sup>20</sup>Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, <sup>21</sup>to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.”*

**A reminder: God can do \_\_\_\_\_ more than we can even \_\_\_\_\_.**

Because His \_\_\_\_\_ is in us!

**To Him be all \_\_\_\_\_!**