

The Book of Ephesians

Chapter Three Workbook

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Ephesians 3 (New International Version)

1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-

2 Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, 3 that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. 4 In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. 6 This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

7 I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. 8 Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. 10 His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11 according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12 In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. 13 I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

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DAY ONE

1. From the following verses, how does Paul describe himself?

Verse 1 – _____

Verse 7 – _____

Verse 8 – _____

2. Who revealed the mystery to Paul, the Apostles and Prophets and the Gentiles as provided here in this third chapter of Ephesians?

3. What are the three aspects of the mystery as seen in verse 6?

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DAY TWO

1. This chapter starts with the words “For this reason...” To what is Paul referring?

2. Paul’s words “For this reason...” is followed by a parenthetical phase which starts with the word “surely”. Where does the phrase stop?

3. What is the theme or purpose of the parenthetical phrase?

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DAY THREE

1. Verse 5 states the mystery was hidden and not made known to men in other generations. What was a big hint given to Abraham about the mystery? Cite the verse.

2. Who might be the rulers and authorities in heavenly realms from verse 10?

3. Why does it seem interesting or unusual that Paul describes himself as a prisoner of Christ Jesus?

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DAY FOUR

1. Why do you think God kept his plan for the Gentiles hidden?

2. Why would Paul's suffering be "for you" (verse 13) be for the glory of the Ephesian believers?

3. What does this chapter tell you about Paul's attitude about his responsibility for the gospel of the mystery?

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DAY FIVE

1. What do we learn about Jesus Christ from the following verses:

Verse 8 – _____

Verse 11 – _____

Verse 12 – _____

Verse 17 – _____

2. What reason is Paul referring to in verse 14 of this third chapter of Ephesians?

3. What 3 things does Paul pray for in Ephesians Chapter 3, verses 14-19?

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DAY SIX

1. What do the following postures have in common? What did Paul mean to convey by using one of these postures to describe his prayer?

- **A bowed head**
- **Outstretched arms**
- **Kneeling on both knees**
- **Laying prostrate facedown**

2. Verses 20 and 21 of Chapter Three of Ephesians are some of the most memorable verse in the Bible because they describe God’s abilities while praising him. How do we fit into the equation?
