

Ephesians Series

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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Equal Access to God
Ephesians 3:12–13

Eph. 3:7, “of which [the gospel, vs. 6] I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

Eph. 3:8, “To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

Eph. 3:9, “and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;

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Eph. 3:9, “and to reveal to all what is the dispensation [administration] of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;”

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Eph. 3:5, “which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:”

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- 1. God is creating a masterpiece, Eph. 2:10, that masterpiece is the uniting together of Jew and Gentile equally in one new Body designated as the Body of Christ. But also identified in Eph. 2:11–22 as a new man, a new household, and a new Temple.**

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a. The Work of Christ: the usage in 1 Corinthians draws our attention to God's wisdom of the plan of salvation.

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- 2. Wisdom is another term used to identify Christ. This incorporates several things.**
 - b. The body of Christ, the Church, never before seen in history, not anticipated.**
 - c. The grace of God in this Church Age.**

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3. This relates to the angelic revolt, demonstrating God's omniscience and omnipotence alone can rule His creation.

And this is exemplified in its highest form in the Church.

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“to do, make; to
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**Eph. 2:18, “For through Him we both have
access by one Spirit to the Father.”**

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Matt. 27:51, “Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,”

Eph. 3:12, “in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.”

Heb. 4:14, “Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Heb. 4:15, “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Heb. 4:16, “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Eph. 3:13, “Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.”

Eph. 3:2, “if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you,”

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If the Ephesians fully understood God’s mission for Paul (and us) then they would not be discouraged by his (or anyone’s) apparently negative circumstances.

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- 2. In this new dispensation, God is building a new temple of believers, composed of Jew and Gentile equally in this new man, this new body.**

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3. This new identity, which involves new blessings, a new joint inheritance, a joining together in a new body, and new partakers of the promise in the Christ is so incredible that we should never lose heart in proclaiming our new wealth in Christ. Eph. 3:6

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- 4. Because of who we are in Christ, our assets, privileges, future inheritance, and identity, there is no excuse for ever losing heart or becoming discouraged by our circumstances for every circumstance, good or bad, is another opportunity to tell others about our wealth in Christ.**