

## MEMBERS OF HIS BODY

~ An in-depth study of Ephesians ~

### “The Infinite Riches of Christ”

**Ephesians 3:1-13**

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*“For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles.”*  
*Ephesians 3:1 (NIV)*

- The “mystery of Christ”

*“In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 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. 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.”*

*Ephesians 3:4-6 (NIV)*

- What a biblical mystery is...

- The Holy Spirit's ministry of revelation

*“But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.”*  
*John 16:7 (TNIV)*

- Gentiles and Jews heirs together

- Paul: A minister of grace and by grace

*“I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.”*  
*Ephesians 3:7 (NIV)*

*“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.”*

*1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)*

*“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.”*  
*Ephesians 3:8 (NIV)*

- The Church: God's wisdom on display

*“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.”*  
*Ephesians 3:10 (NIV)*

- Through Jesus we have an open door to God

*“In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.”*  
*Ephesians 3:12 (NIV)*



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