

Ephesians Bible Study Lesson Five

Directions

You will need a study group for this Bible Study on Ephesians. Pick a few people with whom you can get together and go over the lessons. You may need to compare notes with one another to find the answers.

The answers to all the questions will either be in Notes On The Ephesians 2019 Edition by Dr. Thomas Constable (<https://planobiblechapel.org/constable-notes/>)

You will need a journal or notebook or means of writing down what you are learning and how it is impacting your life as a result.

Ephesians 3:1-13

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you,³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power.⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.¹

¹ *The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), Eph 3:1–13.

Ephesians Bible Study (Ephesians 3:1-13)

1. How does Paul describe himself in verse 1?

2. What does he mean that he is a prisoner of Jesus Christ on their behalf?

3. What was it that Paul expected the Ephesian believers to read that would help them understand “the mystery of Christ”?

4. What is a “steward” and what is a “stewardship”?

5. What is the meaning of a “mystery” biblically?

6. What is the mystery in verse 6.

7. On page 67, what four mystery characteristics distinguish the Church from Israel?

8. The mystery of verse 6 is explained as what on page 68?

9. On page 68, what is the central theme of Ephesians?

10. What do progressive dispensationalist “stress” about the church?

11. What is the background of the word “minister” in verse 7? To what present church office does this word relate?

12. According to verses 8-10 why did the Lord Jesus call Paul into service?

13. On page 75, how does Paul want the Ephesians to his imprisonment?

14. On page 75, what is the “mystery” of Ephesians?

15. How does this “mystery” warn us about what we see in the Church today?
