



Ephesians
The Churches Unity
“Revelation To The Body of Christ”
Ephesians 3:1-12



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Purpose: Reveal the Christ’s sufficiency, The churches Unity and the Christian’s Duty through the study of Paul’s Prison Epistle to the Ephesians.

Theme: Building the body Christ in the image and likeness of Christ.

Title: Revealing our True Identity.

Ephesians 1-2 reveals **Christ’s** _____.

Ephesians 3-4 reveals the **Churches** _____.

Ephesians 5-6 reveals the **Christians** _____.

I break **chapters three and four** down very simply:

- Ephesians 3:1-12** _____ To The Body of Christ
- Ephesians 3:13-21** _____ For The Body of Christ
- Ephesians 4:1-6** _____ of The Body of Christ
- Ephesians 4:7-13** _____ of Gifts To The Body of Christ
- Ephesians 4:14-32** _____ of The Members Of The Body of Christ
 - a. Put off _____ man (14-22)
 - b. Put on _____ man (23-32)

I. Revelation To the Body of Christ Ephesians 3:1-12

- A. The revelation of _____ identity. **Ephesians 3:1**
 - 1. Paul’s spiritual _____ was that of an “apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God to the saints..” **Ephesians 1:1**
 - 2. Paul’s earthly _____ was that of a prisoner of Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 1:1, Ephesians 2:19-22, Ephesians 3:13, 1 Corinthians 4:16, 1 Corinthians 11:1, Philipians 3:17**
 - 3. All _____ have an alternate identity.

B. The revelation of the _____ of the grace of God.
Ephesians 3:2-6

1. Defining the dispensation of the grace of God. **Ephesians 3:2**
 - a. The word dispensation simply means “stewardship”. Four times it is translated “**dispensation**” in the New Testament. **1Co 9:17, Eph 1:10, Eph 3:2, Col 1:25**; Six times it is translated “Steward or Stewardship” in the New Testament. **Luk 16:3, Luk 16:8, Tit 1:7 (steward), Luk16:2-4 (3 times)**
 - b. **A dispensation is a revelation of how God dispenses his grace in time.**
 - 1) There is a _____
 - 2) There is a _____
 - 3) There is a _____
 - 4) There is a _____

¹Seven Natural Divisions of Scripture Through Time					
Dispensation	Responsibility	Failure	Judgment	Steward	Scripture
1. Innocence (Edenic) (4004 B.C.)	Do not eat <i>Gen 1:26-28; 2:15-17</i>	They ate <i>Gen 3:1-6</i>	Curse and Death <i>Gen 3:7-19, 23</i>	Adam	<i>Genesis 13</i>
2. Conscience (Adamic) (4000 BC - 2344 BC)	Multiply, Do Good, Blood Sacrifice <i>Gen 1:28; 3:5,7,22; 4:4</i>	Wickedness <i>Gen 6:1-12</i>	Universal Flood <i>Gen 6:7,13; 7:4,11-24</i>	Sons of Adam	<i>Genesis 4-7</i>
3. Human Government (Noahic) (2344 BC - 1918 BC)	Scatter and Replenish <i>Gen 8:15-19:7</i>	Didn't Scatter and Multiply <i>Gen 11:1-4</i>	Confusion of Languages <i>Gen 11:5-9</i>	Noah	<i>Genesis 8-11</i>
4. Promise (Abramic) (1918 BC - 1488 BC)	Dwell in Canaan <i>Gen 12:1-7</i>	Dwelt in Egypt <i>Gen 12:10; 46:6</i>	Egyptian Bondage <i>Gen 15:13; Ex 1:8-14</i>	Abraham	<i>Genesis 12, Exodus 19</i>
5. Law (Mosaic) (1488 BC - 33 AD)	Keep all the Law <i>Ex 19:3-8; 20</i>	Broke Law, Rejected Christ <i>Ex 32; 2Ki 17:7-20; Mt 27:1-25</i>	World Wide Dispersion of Jews, Tribulation <i>Deu 28:63-66; Luk 21:20-24; Rev 6:15-17</i>	Moses	<i>Exodus 20 - Matthew 26; Revelation 3-19</i>
6. Grace (Church) (33 AD – 2009)	By Faith, Receive Christ, Be Led by Holy Spirit <i>John 1:12; Rom 10:9-10; Eph 2:8-9; 1Cor 4:1-2</i>	Reject Christ, Trust Works <i>John 5:39-40; 2Tim 3:1-7; Rev 3:16</i>	Judgment Seat of Christ <i>1Cor 3:9-15; 2Cor 5:10</i>	Paul	<i>Matthew 27 Revelation 3</i>
7. Kingdom (Millennium) (2012 – 3012)	Obey and Worship Christ <i>Is 11:3-5; Dan 7:18;22, 27 Zech 14:9,16</i>	Final Rebellion <i>Rev 20:7-9</i>	Eternal Hell <i>Rev 20:11-15</i>	Apostles	<i>Revelation 20</i>

¹ Dates in dispensational chart are based upon Ushers 1650 chronology as added to Oxford in 1700's by Bishop Lloyd and Scofield 1909.

2. _____ the dispensation of the grace of God. **Ephesians 3:2**

3. Revealing the _____ of the body of Christ. **Ephesians 3:3-5**

a. **Defining “the mystery”** A New Testament mystery is not something we don’t know but they are things hidden that have been revealed to the church. **Romans 16:25-26**

b. **The seven mysteries:** We typically categorize the mysteries revealed to the church in seven categories. We cover these in Discipleship 2 as well.

1) The mystery of _____ (God in the flesh) **1 Timothy 3:16, 1 Corinthians 2:9, Ephesians 1:9**

2) The mystery of _____ and the church **Ephesians 5:32**

3) The mystery of Christ in _____ **Colossian 1:27**

4) The mystery of _____ restoration **Romans 11:25**

5) The mystery of the _____ **1 Corinthians 15:51**

6) The mystery of _____ **2 Thessalonians 2:7**

7) The mystery of _____ The Great **Revelation 17:5-7**

Galatians 2:1-9, Galatians 2:11-14

4. Describing the _____ of the mystery of the body of Christ. **Ephesians 3:6**

Ephesians 3:6 *That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:*

C. The revelation of the gift of the _____ of God given to Paul. **Ephesians 3:7-11**

1. Paul was made a minister. **Ephesians 3:7-11**

2. Paul made a minister to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. **Ephesians 3:8**

a. The bible gives several examples of unsearchable riches.

- 1) His _____ is past finding out. ***Philippians 4:7***
- 2) His _____ is indescribable. ***2 Corinthians 9:13***
- 3) His _____ is unquenchable. ***Song of Solomon 8:7***
- 4) His _____ unspeakable. ***2 Corinthians 12:4***
- 5) His _____ unspeakable. ***1 Peter 1:8***
- 6) His _____ is infinite. ***Psalms 145:3***
- 7) His _____ unsearchable. ***Romans 11:8***
- 8) He himself is past _____ out. ***Job 11:7***

b. This describes the _____ of our ministry! ***Ephesians 3:9-11, 1 Peter 1:10-12***

D. The revelation of the _____ revealed through the body of Christ.
Ephesians 3:12, Philippians 2:12-15