

**Ephesians 3:1-13**

v1 – ‘for the sake of (someone)’		for the benefit of (someone)
v1 – Gentiles	(proper noun)	people who are not Jews; people who are not from the nation of Israel
v2 – administration	(noun)	the action of giving out, distributing
v2 – grace	(noun)	God’s undeserved kindness to human beings
v3 – mystery	(noun)	something that was previously hidden and has not been made known
v3 – revelation	(noun)	the action of making something known that was previously hidden
v3 – briefly	(adverb)	using very few words or details
v4 – insight	(noun)	understanding of a complex situation
v5 – generations	(noun)	groups of people all living at the same time
v5 – the Spirit	(proper noun)	God the Holy Spirit. (Christians believe in one God who is three Persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.)
v5 – holy	(adjective)	set apart for God’s purpose
v5 – apostles	(noun)	an eyewitness of Jesus who was sent by Jesus to tell others about him
v5 – prophets	(noun)	people who received messages from God to pass on to God’s people
v6 – gospel	(noun)	the good news that people can be made right with God through trusting in Jesus.
v6 – heirs	(noun)	people who receive the property of someone (often an older relative) after their death.
v8 – preach	(verb)	declare something about God publicly and with authority
v8 – unsearchable	(adjective)	cannot be searched for; mysterious
v10 – intent	(noun)	the purpose or aim of doing something
v10 – ‘heavenly realms’	(expression)	a phrase that Paul (the writer) uses to refer to the area of spiritual activity
v11 – eternal	(noun)	everlasting; never ends
v11 – accomplished	(verb)	achieved; succeeded in doing something
v12 – faith	(noun)	trust in God, dependence on God
v13 – discouraged	(adjective)	have one’s confidence reduced
v13 – glory	(noun)	fame, admiration, greatness

**Ephesians 3:1-13 (New International Reader’s Version)**

<sup>1</sup> I, Paul, am a prisoner because of Christ Jesus. I am in prison because of my work among you who are Gentiles.

<sup>2</sup> I am sure you have heard that God appointed me to share his grace with you. <sup>3</sup> I’m talking about the mystery God showed me. I have already written a little about it. <sup>4</sup> By reading about this mystery, you will be able to understand what I know. You will know about the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup> The mystery was not made known to people of other times. But now the Holy Spirit has made this mystery known to God’s holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> Here is the mystery. Because of the good news, God’s promises are for Gentiles as well as for Jews. Both groups are parts of one body. They share in the promise. It belongs to them because they belong to Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> I now serve the good news because God gave me his grace. His power is at work in me. <sup>8</sup> I am by far the least important of all the Lord’s holy people. But he gave me the grace to preach to the Gentiles about the unlimited riches that Christ gives. <sup>9</sup> God told me to make clear to everyone how the mystery came about. In times past it was kept hidden in the mind of God, who created all things. <sup>10</sup> He wanted the rulers and authorities in the heavenly world to come to know his great wisdom. The church would make it known to them. <sup>11</sup> That was God’s plan from the beginning. He has fulfilled his plan through Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>12</sup> Through him and through faith in him we can approach God. We can come to him freely. We can come without fear. <sup>13</sup> So here is what I’m asking you to do. Don’t lose hope because I am suffering for you. It will lead to the time when God will give you his glory.