

EPHESIANS – Chapters 1-3 - The believer's wealth in Christ



Pastor Tom Gang – Sunday, January 17, 2010

Last week our text revealed Paul's sense of personal unworthiness, his appreciation of the greatness of his work, and his sense of wonder at the awesome message he was entrusted to _____ – the unsearchable riches of Christ. We saw this as the _____ of Christ and how it was hid in God throughout the ages; this mystery of our redemption demonstrated the fullness and wonder of God's grace. Today we will be challenged to consider the incredible dimensions of God's redemptive plan through Paul's second _____ for the Ephesian church. Today we will also see the unique testimony that _____ believers have in relation to that plan.

EPHESIANS 3:10-19 – The mystery of Christ – part three

1. A picture – Ephesians 3:10-13
 - a. Portrayed to principalities and powers - verses 10-11
 - God's angelic host – 1 Peter 1:12
 - The devil's disciples – Eph. 6:12
 - What do they all see?

The manifold wisdom of God – The multi-faceted beauty of God's _____ is demonstrated by those in Christ – the church!

God's eternal purpose – They see how _____ that happened in eternity past, everything leading up through to the church age, everything leading up to this very moment in 2010, has been part of a vast eternal plan found within the heart and mind of God!

- b. Portrayed to every believer – verses 12-13

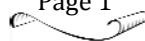
- What do you see?

Boldness for God and the gospel?

Access to God and other believers?

Confidence in what the Bible says is true?

Increased faith in God?



2. A prayer – Ephesians 3:14-19

a. Our needs

- We need to realize we are in a _____ – verses 14-15
- We need to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the _____ man – verse 16
- We need Christ to dwell in our hearts by _____ – verse 17a
- We need to be rooted and grounded in _____ – verse 17b
- We need to _____ the dimensions of Christ's love – verses 18-19a
 - The breadth (width)*
 - The length*
 - The depth*
 - The height*
- We need to be filled with all the _____ of God – verse 19b

b. It is the great paradox of God – We can know his love, but it passes knowledge...

NEXT WEEK: IMPORTANT 2010 VISION MEETING

