

3. With whom did Paul pray that they would comprehend the breadth, and length, and depth, and height (of the love of Christ) (3:18)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What do you suppose it means “to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge,” as mentioned in verses 18? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What do you suppose it means to be filled with all the fullness of God, as mentioned in verse 19? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Take these thoughts with you for the day, and every day, for the rest of your life!

Saturday (October 13)—**prayerfully** read Eph 3:20-21.

1. These last two verses of this chapter are a doxology (“a liturgical formula of praise to God”); read it prayerfully with that in mind (3:20-21). Did you?! \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is God able to do exceedingly abundantly above (3:20)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. According to what is God able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think (3:20)? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (bonus) Where is God doing exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think (by inference from this verse)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Unto whom be glory (3:21)? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What two (or more) things are indicated to be without end (3:21)? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Take these thoughts with you for the day!

Sunday (October 14)—(repeat) pray for today’s discussion and fellowship, **determining to talk your fair share** (not too much or too little).

due October 14, 2018

**Be filled with all the fullness of God (3:19)!  
Ephesians 3**

Theme of Ephesians: the church

Message: Know and rejoice in our relationship to Christ **and each other** (1-3), and walk worthy of it (4-6)!

Outline 1-3 **Doctrine**, the believer's identity (delights) in Christ  
 4-6 **Duties**, the believer's responsibilities in Christ

Themes by chapter (more detailed outline):

- (1) Blessings of redemption
- (2) God’s plan of salvation
- (3) Paul’s ministry
- (4) Walk worthy
- (5) Walk in Spirit, and relationships
- (6) Spiritual warfare

Key verses: 1:3, 6; 4:1; 5:18-21; 6:10-18

Intro: The church is our body here—our fellowship, most glorious! John Stott published a good commentary on Ephesians in 1979, with a great title, *God’s New Society*.

Monday (October 8)—prayerfully read and enjoy Eph 3:1-4!

**THIS CHAPTER CALLS FOR AN EXTRA MEASURE  
OF GOD’S HELP—DON’T FORGET TO KEEP  
ASKING FOR IT AS YOU PROCEED!**

1. “For this cause” (3:1) seems to refer to the preceding verses (2:11-22) where Paul had been teaching them that God has made Jews and Gentiles “one new man” (2:15), united as “one body” (2:16) and “one building” (2:21); what had Paul become to the Gentiles to accomplish this cause (3:1)? \_\_\_\_\_
2. To what end was the “dispensation [measure, certain amount] of the grace of God” (3:2) given to Paul (3:6)? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How was Paul informed of his special calling (3:3)? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How would the Ephesians come to understand Paul’s knowledge in the mystery of Christ (3:4)? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How much had Paul written earlier (3:3)? \_\_\_\_\_

6. What does Paul model for us in this section? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Tuesday (October 9)—prayerfully read Eph 3:5-7; these verses tell us of God’s revealing things through Paul which had not been revealed earlier (this is what a mystery in the Bible is: previously unknown truth now revealed by God)!

1. What was not made known (unto the sons of men) in other ages (3:5-6)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. To whom was this “mystery” (verse 3) made known (3:5)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. By whom was this mystery made known (3:5)? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What made Paul a minister (of the gospel), “that the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ,” verse 5) (3:7)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. In your own words (and put simply), what was Paul’s calling (3:6-7)? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do we (Christians today) have a similar calling as Paul? \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday (October 10)—prayerfully read Eph 3:8-11, and continue following the flow of this passage—Paul was given the special assignment of announcing the formation of a new entity, the body of Christ, composed of born-again Jews and Gentiles, now on equal footing!

1. How did Paul identify himself (3:8)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What was Paul’s special ministry (compared to the other apostles, such as Peter especially) (3:8-9)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. To whom might the manifold wisdom of God be known (“by the church,” that is, through observing God’s new and special creation of the church) (3:10)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. For how long had this purpose of God been purposed (3:10)? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Are you remembering to pray for God’s help to understand this difficult-but-not-beyond-your-ability-to-understand chapter (Psa 119:18)?! Circle one! Yes or no

6. Meditate on God’s great plan to include Gentiles in the special entity of the church, His new and special creation!

Thursday (October 11)—prayerfully read Eph 3:12-15, which brings in the fact that these Ephesians were not Jews.

1. In whom do we have boldness and access with confidence (3:12)? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What gives us access (presumably to God the Father, but perhaps access into the church) (3:12)? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What does Paul not want them to faint because of (3:13)? \_\_\_\_\_

4. For what cause does Paul “bow my knees” (pray) unto the Father (3:13)? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Of whom do you suppose is “the whole family in heaven and earth named” (3:15,14)? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Review these thoughts, taking them with you for the day!

Friday (October 12)—**prayerfully** read Eph 3:16-19.

1-2. Give the three requests Paul prays for others (the Ephesians) (3:16-17). \_\_\_\_\_  
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