

# Ephesians 3

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<sup>1</sup> For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles — <sup>2</sup> if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> how that by revelation He made known to me **the mystery** (as I have briefly written already, <sup>4</sup> by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in **the mystery** of Christ),

**Colossians 1:27** - To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of **this mystery** among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.**  
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### Appreciation of the Mystery

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup> that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — <sup>19</sup> to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, <sup>21</sup> to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### Ephesians 4 – Transitions to the Responsibilities of Being in Christ

<sup>1</sup> I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to **walk worthy of the calling with which you were called**, <sup>2</sup> with all **lowliness** and **gentleness**, with **longsuffering**, **bearing** with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to **keep** the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

## Walking in your Grace

<sup>7</sup> But to **each one of us grace was given** according to **the measure of Christ's gift.** <sup>8</sup> Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And **gave gifts** to men."

<sup>11</sup> And **He Himself gave** some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. <sup>17</sup> This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, <sup>18</sup> having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; <sup>19</sup> who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. <sup>20</sup> But you have not so learned Christ, <sup>21</sup> if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: <sup>22</sup> that **you put off**, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, <sup>23</sup> and **be renewed in the spirit of your mind,** <sup>24</sup> and that **you put on the new man** which was created according to God, in **true righteousness and holiness.**

## Grace for True Righteousness and Holiness

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, **putting away lying**, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> "Be angry, and **do not sin**": **do not let** the sun go down on your wrath, <sup>27</sup> **nor give place to the devil.** <sup>28</sup> Let him who stole **steal no longer**, but rather **let him labor, working** with his hands what is good, that he may **have something to give** him who has need. <sup>29</sup> **Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth**, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. <sup>30</sup> And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> **Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking** be **put away** from you, with **all malice.** <sup>32</sup> And be **kind** to one another, **tenderhearted, forgiving** one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. **NKJV**