

Ephesians Bible Study
Lesson 9 Questions
Ephesians 3:1-13

1. Verse one starts with the phrase, "**For this reason** I, Paul..." What had Paul just revealed in Eph 2:15-22 and who was he talking to?

2. Why does Paul call himself a prisoner of Christ Jesus? Why was Paul in this situation? What is different about this situation than when most people are in prison? Acts 23:1-11; 2 Tim 1:8;

3. In verse 2, Paul says he is a steward of God's grace, what does a steward do? What does it mean that Paul is a steward of God's grace?

4. What example does Paul set for us? Could we be considered a steward of God's grace? Explain. Ephesians 6:10-20

5. In verse 3 Paul talks about a mystery being made known to him, How did Paul get a special insight into this mystery? Galatians 1:11-24; Col 1:24-29. What was the mystery? (Col 1:27; Eph 1:9-12; 2:11-12)

6. How long had this mystery been hidden? In what way did God choose to reveal it? Matthew 13:16-17; 1 Peter 1:10-12; Ephesians 3:5-6.

7. Read Ephesians 3:6, what word is mentioned three times in this verse? What is the significance of this word? How does it depict the relationship between Jews and Gentiles? Col 2:9-15

8. Continuing to study verse 6, What three nouns does this describe?

9. Heirs of what? Members of what? Partakers of what? What does this show about the relative spiritual position of the Jews and Gentiles? Gen 12:3; Gal 3:8

10. How can this promise be realized? Gal 3:26-29; Romans 8:14-17

11. Why was Paul a minister of the gospel? What special qualities did he have? Why does he call himself the least of all saints? Since he was the least of all saints, how come he could accomplish so much for God? Rom 15:15-16; 2 Cor 4:1-2; 1 Tim 1:14-15

12. Paul believed he was the least of all saints, what principles can we learn from Paul's understanding of his life before and after redemption? Eph 3:7-10

What does this tell us about the common believer's responsibilities?

13. Verse 11 tells us that this was in accordance with God's eternal purpose, was this a new plan? How do you know? What does this tell us about God? How should this affect our attitude towards God? Isaiah 14:24-27; Isaiah 46:10-11; Ephesians 2:18

14. Paul encourages us not to lose heart on behalf of his sufferings for the sake of the gospel. How does this help us look at our own suffering for the sake of the gospel, not just suffering everyday things, but actual suffering for standing on the truth of God's word in those everyday circumstances. Hebrews 4:14-16
