



Ephesians – The Gospel Unites
The Church is God's Eternal Purpose
Ephesians 3:1-13 (page 977/1242)
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Discussion and Application Questions

1. God Is Revealing His Mystery (3:2-7)

2. The Church Is God's Eternal Purpose (3:8-12)

3. The Church Is Worth Suffering For (3:1,13)

1. Society views the church as irrelevant and nonessential, but Paul shows us that it is the centering on the gospel that makes the church essential. Where have you seen this to be true?
2. Paul's message is that the gospel isn't just deliverance from sin, but becoming part of the people of God (3:6-9). How does challenge our thin view of the gospel? How can horizontal hostility highlight a vertical problem?
3. What is God's intention now for the church?
4. What do we discover elsewhere about the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms? (see 1:3; 1:20–21; 6:12)
5. Have you ever thought about the gathering of the church as being the engaging in spiritual warfare? How has Satan tried to keep you from gathering with the church?

6. What are some ways you experience suffering by viewing the church as essential?

7. What is God's eternal purpose (3:11)? How is this surprising to you? How does it change your view of the church?

8. What have you learned about the church from Eph 3:1-13?

9. How might you 'do church' differently as a result?

10. What are some specific ways you can pray for one another to grow in your mutual commitment to God's eternal purpose?