

## Christ, the Church, and the Cosmos

Ephesians 3:7-13 (page 977/large print 1160 or 1243)

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1. The Church Serves by God's Gift (3:7-8:a)

2. The Church Speaks as God's Light (3:8b-9)

3. The Church Spreads as God's Power (3:10-12)

4. The Church Suffers for God's Glory (3:13)

## **Quick Review**

1. Was there anything in the passage that challenged or encouraged you?

2. How did this passage of Scripture help you see Christ better?

## **Digging Deeper**

1. How does the passage connect the church's mission to the broader narrative of redemption history, particularly God's promise to Abraham in Gen 12:1-3 and other passages?

2. Reflect on the phrase "unsearchable riches of Christ" in 3:8. Based on this passage, other passages in Ephesians, and the rest of Scripture, what are some of these riches of Christ that the church declares to the world? List as many aspects of Christ's person and work as you can.

## **Taking It Home**

1. In light of this passage, how can you encourage someone who feels discouraged about their involvement in church and the "great dechurching" trend?

2. How does viewing ministry as a gift of God's grace (Ephesians 3:7) change the way you approach serving in the church?

3. As the passage calls the church to "speak as God's light", how are we doing at that? What are ways Solid Rock does this well? In what ways could we more accurately represent God in this community as his light?

4. Why is planting new churches important? What are tangible ways believers here can facilitate the building of the global church?