**Series Title: The Book of Ephesians - Our Identity Is “In Christ”**

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**TITLE: God’s Plan For The Gentiles**

**#1) …Call An Ambassador (i.e. Paul) To Reach The Gentile Nations.**

*For this reason I, Paul, the* ***prisoner of Christ*** *Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—* Ephesians 3:1

[See 2 Corinthians 4:5-10]

*2Surely you have heard about the* **administration of God’s grace** *that was given to me for you, 3that is, the* ***mystery made known to me by revelation****, as I have already written briefly.* Ephesians 3:2-3

*4In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the* ***mystery of Christ****, 5which was not made known to people in* ***other generations*** *as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets. 6****This mystery*** *is that through the gospel the* ***Gentiles are heirs together with Israel****, members* ***together of one body****, and* ***sharers together in the promise*** *in Christ Jesus.* Ephesians 3:4-6

*7I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power.  8Although* ***I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people,****this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the* ***boundless riches of Christ****, 9and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.* Ephesians 3:8-9

*10His intent was that now,* ***through the church****,* ***the manifold wisdom of God****should be made known to the* ***rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms****, 11according to his* ***eternal purpose****that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Ephesians 3:10-11 [See Luke 15:10]

*12In him and through faith in him* ***we may approach God****with freedom and confidence. 13I ask you, therefore,* ***not to be discouraged because of my sufferings*** *for you, which are your glory.* Ephesians 3:12-13

**#2) …As A Church To Live In Strength, Love And Power.**

*14****For this reason I kneel****before the Father, 15from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.* Ephesians 3:14-15

*16I pray that out of his glorious riches he* ***may strengthen you with power****through his Spirit in your* ***inner being****,* Ephesians 3:16

*17so that* ***Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith****. And I pray that you,* ***being rooted****and established in love,*Eph 3:17. [See 1 John 3:1-3]

*18may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and* ***high and deep is the love of Christ****, 19and to* ***know this love*** *that* ***surpasses knowledge*** *— that you may be filled to the measure of* ***all the fullness of God****.* Ephesians 3:18-19

*20Now to him who is* ***able to do immeasurably more*** *than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, 21to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.* Ephesians 3:20-21

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