

LESSON #3 THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL REVEALED Ephesians 3:1-21

Principle: In Christ God has reconciled His people into one body, sharing together His promises.

Use this lesson outline to record your notes as you watch the Lesson 3 video.

I. THE PRINCIPLE OF THE MYSTERY 3:1-6

- All who are in Christ are sharers together of the blessings of salvation.

II. THE PURPOSE OF THE MYSTERY 3:7-13

- The church is the manifestation and evidence of God to the world.

III. THE PRAYER FOR THE MYSTERY EXPERIENCED 3:14-21

- We can pattern our prayer after Paul's asking God for: spiritual strength through His power, holiness (that His Holy Spirit would settle into us and be pleased to set up His dwelling in us), an awareness of God's love and filling of the Holy Spirit, manifesting the fruit of Spirit in our lives.

LESSON #4 HOW THE CHRISTIAN IS TO LIVE Ephesians 4:1-32

Subject: Paul urges the believer to live in unity and peace with one another.

From chapters 1-3 where Paul develops the doctrinal truths he wants his readers to know, he now progresses to tell them what they should do in light of what they know.

Please answer these lesson questions for next week prior to watching the Lesson 4 video.

Review

1. What did you find most helpful from the lesson, the discussion or the lecture?

Read Ephesians 4:1-16 Living in Peace

2. In view of all God has done for the believer in Christ, what does Paul want his readers to do?

3. How exactly does he say life worthy of our calling is to be lived out? Give at least five ways with the verses.

4. What does unity of the Spirit involve? Try to explain each point Paul gives.

5. Explain Paul's point that within unity in Christ there is also diversity.

6. How is that diversity experienced within the body of Christ?

7. What is the stated purpose for the diversity? Give the verse.

8. What is the end result of the unity and diversity in Christ in the following areas? Give the verses.
- A. In doctrine
 - B. In relationships
 - C. In spiritual maturation
 - D. In body life
9. How does Paul's description differ from your experience in the Christian life? To what do you attribute the difference?

Read Ephesians 4:17-32 Living in Purity

10. Paul contrasts the life of a Christian with that of an unbeliever. Try to find at least five ways he describes the unbeliever's life.
11. Explain how you see each point lived out today in our unbelieving world system.
12. How, then, is the believer to live? Give as many ways as you can find.

Personal Reflection and Application

13. What do you think God wants you to do about what you have studied this week? Try to be as specific as possible.