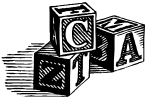


Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

Response Questions for, "Paul's Ministry in Relation to the Mystery," (Ephesians 3:1-13)



Basic Ideas from the Letter to the Ephesians 3:1-13.

The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know the rich diversity within the working of God.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose Him above our own "church" idiosyncrasies.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of exploring God's unfathomable riches in Christ Jesus.



Basic Questions from the Letter to the Ephesians 3:1-13.

1. The reader should know what a biblical mystery is.
2. The reader should understand how this mystery fits into the outworking of God's plan.
3. The reader should see how his own life fits into the outworking of this mystery.
4. What does Paul want the reader to see and have?
5. Paul wants the reader to see the unfathomable riches of Christ (v.8). Paul wants the reader to see the manifold wisdom of God (v.11).
6. Paul wants the reader to have boldness and confident access to God through Christ (v.12).
7. Paul wants the reader not to lose heart in the midst of tribulation (v.13).
8. Paul believes the reader can see and have because he is a recipient of God's grace.
9. What is v. 6 doing?
10. What is the mystery?
11. What are verses 7-9 doing?
12. Who is the Church being shown to? Who are these principalities and powers?
13. Consider the rich diversity within the church. What marks this diversity? What might it look like? How might we go about celebrating the rich diversity within the body of Christ?



The **Basic Application** from the Letter to the Ephesians 3:1-13.

1. As with any passage of Scripture, we need to ask ourselves why Paul wrote this paragraph. What is his intended meaning?
2. What should this tell us? First, the truth of our faith far outweighs any hardship that you and I might have to put up with. Second, Paul gladly suffered for the advancement of the gospel.
3. Dwelling on the truths of Scripture is the key to overcoming.

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4. Have you seen the unfathomable riches of Christ (v.8)? Have you seen the manifold wisdom of God (v.11)? Are you willing to think outside the box of your past experiences and present level of knowledge?
5. Do you have boldness and confident access to Christ (v.12)?
6. Are you losing heart in the midst of tribulation (v.13)?
7. Do you see yourself as a recipient of God's grace?
8. God wants His church to experience the great diversity that exists within His body.

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