

## Ephesians 3

King James Version (KJV)

**3** For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, (A prisoner in love because God chose Paul to teach His Word. Paul ended up in prison for it; not for having committed any crimes)

(In doing so, Paul went from a persecutor of the church, to one of its greatest teachers. Paul was not a prophet. He was one of the greatest Bible teachers of all time)

<sup>2</sup> If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: (The dispensation of Christ's salvation through Paul is to those who accept Jesus as God. They become Christians and receive salvation)

<sup>3</sup> How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, (The mystery - what happened in the garden; who the Kenites are; the three world Ages; and what happened during the First Age)

See Romans-16:25 (It speaks of the First Age)

<sup>4</sup> Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) (Learn God's Word truthfully as Paul taught it; and it won't be a mystery to you. Understand why we are here, and how you can be saved. Learn how you can help others who also want salvation)

<sup>5</sup> Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; (In the First Age. We were all there in our spiritual bodies. God said "Let us make man in our image. We were there with Him on our spiritual bodies <what some people call angels, today>. The man in His image was Jesus – God in the flesh)

(HE then ended the First Age and began the Second Age – the Age of flesh. We are all in a flesh representation of our spiritual bodies. This Age is a time for testing us. Do we choose to live by God's Ten Commandments and follow the doctrine of Jesus Christ? Or do we live by the ways of this world and its lusts?)

(by the Spirit = by God's Holy Spirit)

NOTE: (When you understand that there were three World Ages, you understand how God's plan works for us. Ignorant preachers teach that the world is 6,000 years old. They should not be teaching what they clearly don't understand. They end up driving people away from God's Word by their ignorance. The world is 4.5 billion years old)

<sup>6</sup>That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: (The promise is God's salvation. It is open to all people who choose to accept it. We become members of Jesus Christ's church, as Christians)

<sup>7</sup>Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. (By the love of God, toward Paul, and toward us; the power of salvation is God's, not Paul's) See also Luke-10:19

(Paul was made a minister. He was a Bible teacher; not a prophet)

<sup>8</sup>Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; (Paul carried the guilt of his first actions against the church for his whole life. He never fully forgave himself)

NOTE: (This should be a lesson to us. When God forgives your sins, don't keep bringing them back up. Forgive yourself and learn from what you did. Go on with your life and do better)

(Jesus said to the woman who was accused of adultery – Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more) John-8:11

<sup>9</sup>And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: (fellowship = dispensation of time – bad translation. It is clear in the Greek manuscripts)

(This speaks of a period of time <an Age>. Why there are three World Ages, and what our part in them is)

<sup>10</sup>To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, (It is all known by those who have passed away – good and bad. They are all in paradise, awaiting judgment. Paul is now making those things known to us, so that we can understand God's plan)

Ecclesiastes-12:7 (When we die, instantly our soul returns to the Father who gave it) (returns – because that's where we came from in the First Age)

<sup>11</sup> According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: (The eternal purpose is God's plan; Jesus came to us in the flesh, to be our Lord and Savior)

2Peter-3 (Peter also speaks of the First Age which passed away by water. That was not Noah's flood which only lasted a year and didn't destroy the whole world)

(The First Age ended in a world wide cataclysmic extinction flood. No people were killed because we were all in our spiritual bodies. This Age will pass away by fire in another extinction event. All flesh will die. Our spirits will return to the Father. That will begin the Millennium period)

NOTE: (The world is 4.5 billion years old. We don't know how much time passed between the end of the First Age, and the beginning of the Second Age)

<sup>12</sup> In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. (Jesus made the Father available to us directly at the crucifixion. The veil was rent in the Holy of holies, in the temple. We no longer need a priest to act as our intercessor with God. That task was fulfilled by Jesus for all time)

<sup>13</sup> Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. (Don't worry about Paul's imprisonment. He was in prison for teaching God's Word. Take the Word and learn it. Enjoy it and live a good life)

<sup>14</sup> For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, (Paul thanked God for His forgiveness of our sins; and so should we)

<sup>15</sup> Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, (Christians – Christ's men and women)

<sup>16</sup> That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; (When we are our weakest, God strengthens our spirit)

(The world has hated Christians from day 1. It doesn't matter. Those who hate us will have a rude awakening when they stand before God)

<sup>17</sup> That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, (A deeply rooted tree thrives. It can withstand drought and storms)

(By studying, we become more and more knowledgeable into the deeper meanings and teachings of God. We can withstand the lusts, greed and other temptations of this world)

<sup>18</sup> May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; (This speaks of God's love for us. It is immeasurable)

<sup>19</sup> And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. (passeth = to excel at; to be successful in – better translation)

<sup>20</sup> Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, (The power of God works in Christians who work in God's plan)

<sup>21</sup> Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. (all ages - the Three Ages)