



Ephesians

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Take the Scenic Route!

Ephesians 3.1–13

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“One Thing” for this week: Write a note of encouragement to someone who might be discouraged — Focus on what the LORD has done for them, in them, and through them for the progress of the Gospel.

1. The Detour (3.1–12)

a) Mystery (3.1–7)

b) Ministry (3.8–12)

2. The Destination (3.1, 13)

Application Questions:

- a) How would you explain this entire passage to someone using only one sentence?
- b) What do we discover both here and elsewhere about the “rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms” (see 1.3; 1.20–21; 2.6; 3.10; 6.12)?
- c) If you, like Paul, were imprisoned for your faith, do you think that it would make you stronger in your faith or discourage you? How could Paul’s imprisonment be for the Ephesians’ glory (vs. 13)?
- d) Why is it correct to say that the riches of Christ are “unfathomable,” “incalculable” or “unsearchable?”
- e) According to this passage, why should we not lose heart when we experience opposition to the Gospel?