

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 3:1-21 Grace and Love

Warm up question:

- Do you ever find it hard to receive love? Why do you think this is?

Read Ephesians 3:1-13

1. Chapter 3 begins with the words *"For this reason... you Gentiles"* What was written about the Gentiles in chapter 2?
2. The word *"mystery"* is repeated 4 times. What is this mystery? Why is the word mystery used?
3. How was this mystery made known/revealed?
4. How does Paul describe himself throughout verses 1-13?
5. What is the role of the church in verses 10-11?
6. What does verse 12 say about how we can approach God?

Read Ephesians 3:14-21

7. What does Paul pray for in this section?
8. The word *"love"* is repeated 3 times. How is the word *"love"* used? How did Paul use the word *"love"* in chapters 1 & 2? (See 1:4, 1:6, 1:15 & 2:4)
9. What does Paul say about the church / the Lord's holy people in this section?
10. How would you summarise verses 20-21?
11. What is your overall feeling of this passage? How would you sum it up?

Rubber hits the road:

- How has Ephesians 1-3 challenged the way you perceive the grace that God has lavished on you?
- How can we (the church) continue to make known the *"manifold wisdom of God"*?

PRAYER

Mighty God, we thank you for making known to us the mystery of your saving grace in Jesus Christ. And we thank you for calling us, your church, to continue proclaiming your grace and love to the world around us. May we and all people, grasp how wide and long and high and deep your love is for us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

