

God's Spectacular Glory

Ephesians 3

The "Mystery" of God: God's overarching plan
Ephesians 1:8b-10



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3:1

Gentiles: [ethnos/Greek, goy/Hebrew]

Non-Jewish people

"every nation, tribe, people, and language" (Revelation 7:9)

"all peoples of every nation"

"For this reason..."

"...no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens...members of his household...a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."

Ephesians 2:19-22

3:2-9

3:10-13

3:14-19

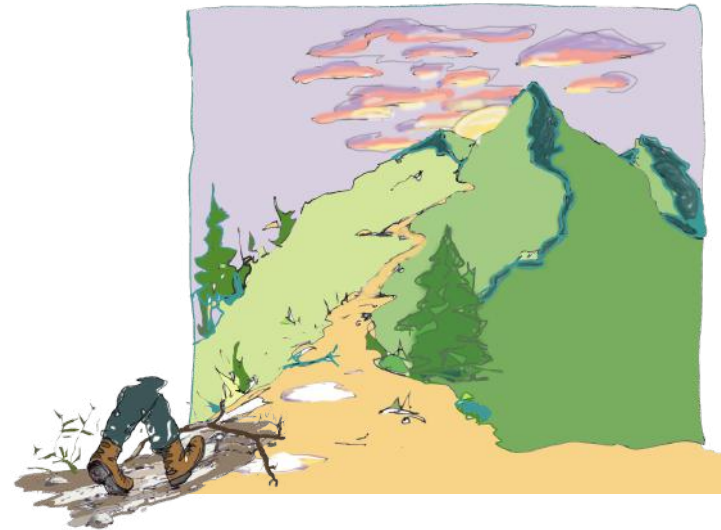
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The Big Idea

God's spectacular glory is displayed
in His diverse and unified Church in Christ
today and forever

God's glorious vision for the church: all peoples of every nation ...
heirs of the promises
members of one body
sharers of the promise of the new heavens and the new earth
in glory, and also TODAY!

The radiant community



What are we to do?

Rejoice

We are fully included!

What God is doing here is central to His vision
for eternity **and also for today**

Pray

"For this reason, I kneel before the Father and pray..."

Christ live in and among us

We would grasp the vastness of God's love

We would be filled with the fullness of God

Be completely humble and gentle

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another
in love (Ephesians 4:1-2)

Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

1. What is compelling and beautiful to you about this purpose of God?
2. What is the difference between being a blessing to the peoples of all nations, and the full inclusion of the peoples of all nations? Why does it matter?
3. What does "completely humble and gentle" look like in practice?
4. What helps you pray for this great purpose and work of God?

Conversation starters this week

What are the best examples you have experienced of genuine diverse unity? What makes it hard? What makes it beautiful?