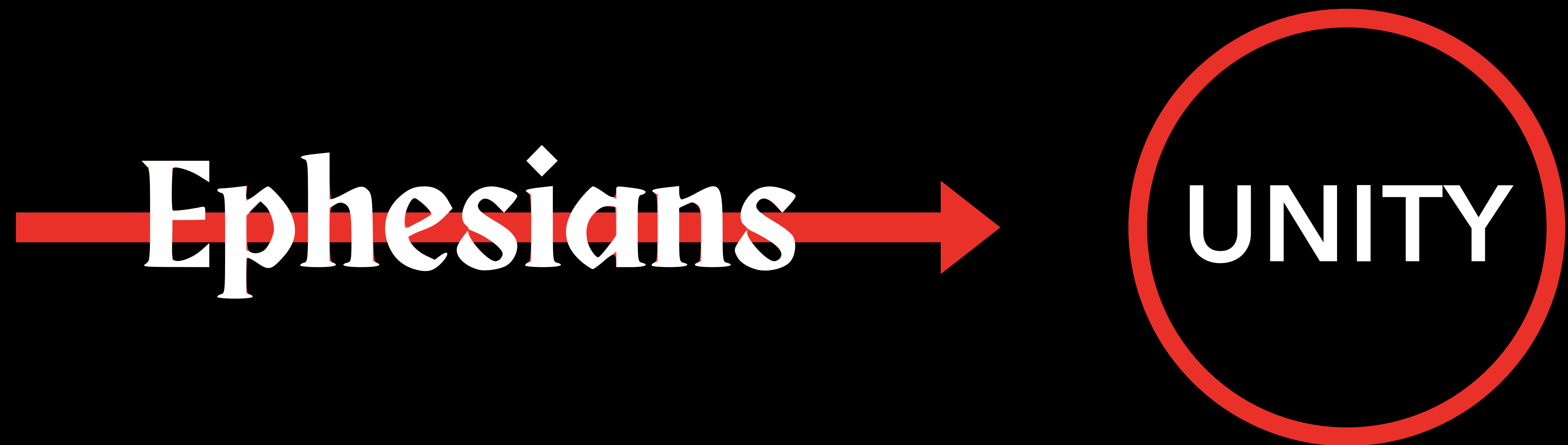


BE THE CHURCH

Ephesians





Review

Ephesians 1:1-14

Blessings **in Christ** - Holy and blameless, adoption as sons, redemption, inheritance, Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:15-23

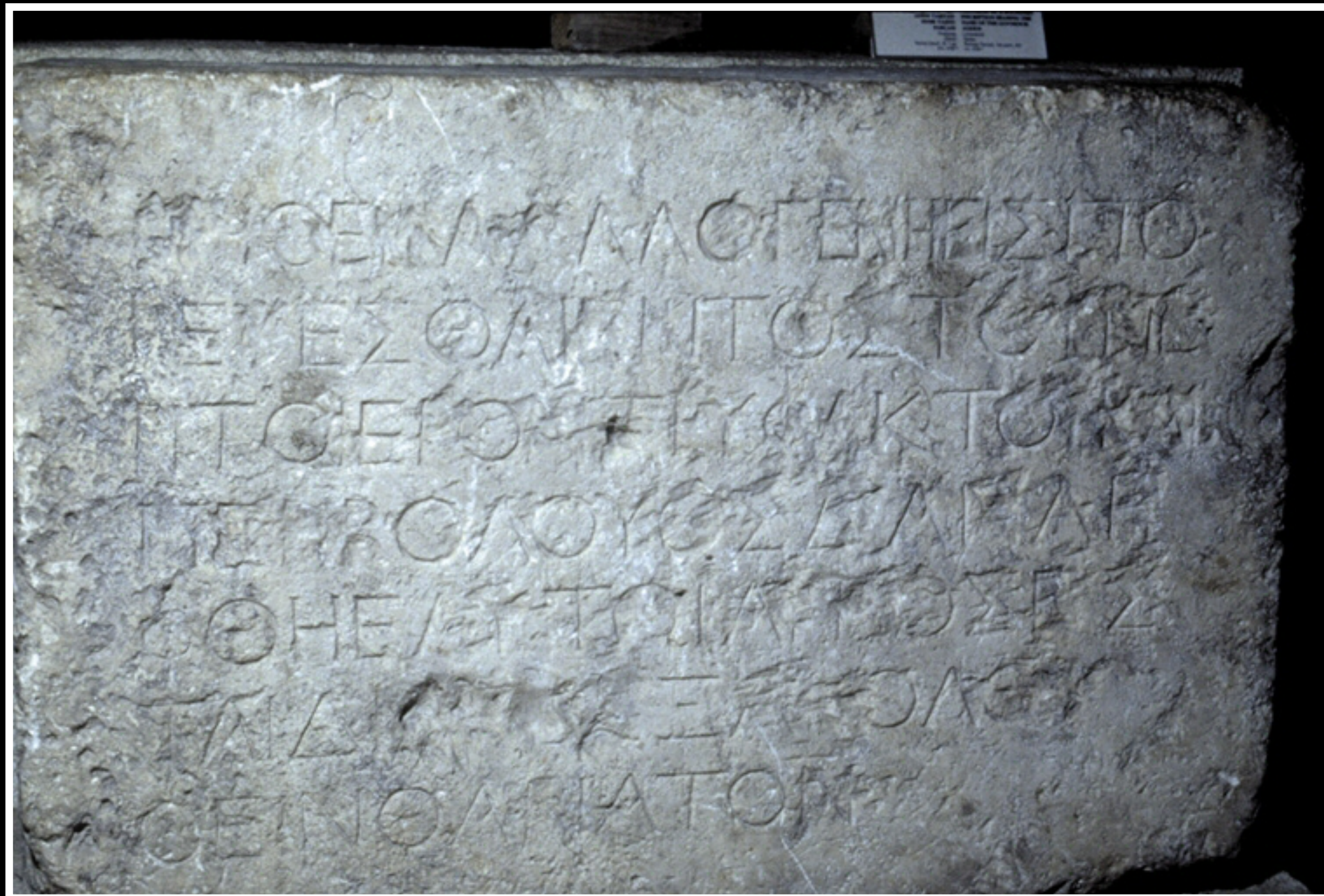
Prayer for the Ephesians - to know the hope to which we were called, riches of his glorious inheritance, immeasurable greatness of his power toward us.

Ephesians 2:1-10

God's work - dead in sin, **BUT** God made us alive with Christ and seated us with Him because of our choice of faith. We are his workmanship created for good works.

Ephesians 2:11-22

Position of the Gentiles - separated from Christ, alienated from Israel, no promises, without God, no hope, **BUT** now brought near by Christ's blood, now access to the father, fellow citizens, members of God's household.



Temple Warning Inscription

"No foreigner is to enter inside the barrier and the embankment around the sanctuary. Whoever is caught will be responsible to himself for his death that follows."

Principle

The cross of Jesus Christ spiritually unites all believers in Him without distinctions so that **He might build His Church through the functional unity of her members.**

Ephesians 3:1-13

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles — ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Ephesians 3:1-13

⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. ¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

Ephesians 3:1-2

¹For this reason I, Paul,

a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—

²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,

Acts 26:16-18

¹⁶ But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you, ¹⁷ delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you ¹⁸ to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

Ephesians 3:1-5

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} Outcome

} Means

Ephesians 3:7-10

⁷ Of this gospel I was made a minister
| according to the gift of God's grace,
| which was given me by the working of his power.

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this grace was given,

| to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

| ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery

Colossians 2:13-15

¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,
¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.
This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities
and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Ephesians 3:11-13

11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,

12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

13 So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

Principle

Believers are entrusted with the revealed Gospel. By living as one body united in Christ and making the Gospel known, all intelligent beings of the universe learn of the multifaceted wisdom of God.

Next Week

Ephesians 3:14-21