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Ekklesia - Called out ones - Called out for God

We are working FROM love not FOR love!

Ephesians 3:1-21 NLT

When I think of all this, I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus for the benefit of you Gentiles

... 2 assuming, by the way, that you know God gave me the special responsibility of extending his grace to you Gentiles. 3 As I briefly wrote earlier, God himself revealed his

mysterious plan to me. 4 As you read what I have written, you will understand my insight into this plan regarding Christ. 5 God did not reveal it to previous generations, but now by his Spirit he has revealed it to his holy apostles and prophets.

6 And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus. 7 By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News.

8 Though I am the least deserving of all God's people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ. 9 I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning.

10 God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

11 This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

12 Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence. 13 So please don't lose heart because of my trials here. I am suffering for you, so you should feel honored.

Paul's Prayer for Spiritual Growth

14 When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, 15 the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. 16 I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. 17 Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. 18 **And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.** 19 **May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.**

20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Confessions in faith:

1. I **belong** to Christ and to the family of God.

Ephesians 3:6 NLT And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise

2. My life **displays** the wisdom and ways of Christ.

Ephesians 3:10 NLT God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

Philippians 2:5 NKJV Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.

3. I always have **access** to God.

Mercy to cover your **past**

Grace to cover your **future**

Heb. 4:15-16 NLT This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come

boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his **mercy**, and we will find **grace** to help us when we need it most.

4. I am empowered by the Holy Spirit.

1 John 4:4 NKJV You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

5. I am loved by God.

Ephesians 3:18-19 NLT And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.

I belong in the Family

My life displays the wisdom and ways of God

I always have access to God

I am empowered by the Holy Spirit

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