

To review where we left off last week. The Gentiles suffered a five-fold alienation from the Jews, and from God. Christless-aliens from God. Stateless-alien to God's nation. Friendless-alien to the covenants. Hopeless and Godless. The Gentile dilemma is the world's dilemma then and today. But God!!!

1. Paul in Chapter 2, has concentrated on telling us about our new standing bestowed on us because (2:5) _____

Do you believe it? Do you receive it? Are you living like you have a new position in the family of God? Once we can answer those questions Paul is ready to move forward for us.

2. Go back to 2:20-22 Describe what happened in these verses. _____

Why do you think it is crucial to know and believe the truth of those verses? _____

Think of this scenario: Life is going along really well for you. You have peace, love and joy in the Lord. Then the dark side of life crashes in. Your life boat is on rough seas. How is believing the truth of verses (20-22) vital at that time? _____

3. As we start Chapter 3:1, what does Paul remind us about? _____

Observe and see if you can detect a grateful heart in our teacher Paul.

4. The hardships Paul suffers is what frames what he will say to us in 3:1-13 of Ephesian. How do you think Paul was able to endure the hardships of his ministry?(3:2-3) _____

5. What do you think of when you hear the word mystery? _____

Col. 1:26-27 talks about a mystery. What is revealed in these verses about a biblical mystery? _____

In Daniel we are introduced to mysteries that God revealed at the right time so this is not new. Look up Daniel 2:28. What truth is there? _____

6. We caught a hint of this mystery in Eph. 2:10 which said _____

Eph. 2:13 _____

Eph. 2:15 _____

As I read those verses, I never gave a thought that Paul was gently revealing each aspect of the mystery. The thought of the magnificence of this mystery brings Paul to his knees in praise and worship. Let this be us.

7. How did Paul come to know this mystery?

Acts 22:17-21 _____

Gal. 1:12 _____

Gal. 2:2 _____

Why is it important for us to know this about the mystery Paul is going to reveal? _____

8. What 2 things are made very clear in Eph. 3:5 about this mystery of Christ? _____

a. _____

b. _____