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Ephesians 3:11-13



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Additional Scripture References (And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

1 Peter 1:20-21

He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Acts 2:23

...this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

Hebrews 10:22

...let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Colossians 2:1-4

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Acts 14:22

...strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.

Philippians 1:14

And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my *imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.*

1. God's _____ Purpose

The purpose of God in the gospel of Christ was set down before the foundations of the earth. It has always been God's eternal plan to save a people for His very own through work of redemption in Christ Jesus.

...who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus *before the ages began.* ~ *2 Timothy 1:9*

2. Our _____ Access

Believer, you are not limited in your access to the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord. God has redeemed you, called you by name, made you holy, and granted to you direct access by faith in Christ.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. ~ Hebrews 4:16

3. Our Courage

Your willingness to suffer for the gospel gives opportunity for others to glorify God. And when you see others go through tribulation for the sake of Christ, let your own heart take greater courage in your faith.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ~ Romans 8:18

PHILIPPIANS 1:27

ONLY LET YOUR MANNER OF LIFE BE WORTHY OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, SO THAT WHETHER I COME AND SEE YOU OR AM ABSENT, I MAY HEAR OF YOU THAT YOU ARE STANDING FIRM IN ONE SPIRIT, WITH ONE MIND STRIVING SIDE BY SIDE FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL.