

Ephesians 3:1-13 | Peace to You
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The nation of Israel had a responsibility they understood but could not comprehend. **Isaiah 49:6** says, *“It is not enough for you to be my servant raising up the tribes of Jacob and restoring the protected ones of Israel. I will also make you a light for the nations, to be my salvation to the ends of the earth.”* In **Acts 13:46-49**, we see how God would bring Messiah to the Gentiles (the nations).

Ephesians 3:1 says, **“For this reason...”** This phrase is a connector that compels us to look back at chapter 2. The question is, **“for what reason...”**

- The **need** for reconciliation. (2:11-12) – Gentiles were far from Christ.
- The **way** of reconciliation. (2:13-18) – Gentiles were brought near by the blood of Christ.
- The **result** of reconciliation. (2:19-20) – Gentiles became fellow citizens of God’s household.

Understanding phrases and terms you will encounter in Ephesians 3:1-13

- Administration of God’s grace
- By revelation
- Mystery
- Administration of the mystery

The **emphasis** of Ephesians 3:1-13 - “God’s eternal plan of salvation includes the Gentiles (nations).”

What was the Apostle Paul’s motivation?

- His **obligation** to Christ. (Eph. 3:1-2, 8; Acts 9:15; 22:21; Rom. 11:13)
- His **clarification** of when and to whom this new revelation came. (Eph. 3:9; 1 Cor. 4:1)
- His **explanation** of the content of the mystery (Col. 1:26-27)

How do **we** respond to Ephesians 3:1-13? (Application)

- “One” in Christ breaks down **barriers**.
- “One” in Christ makes **“much of Him.”**
- “One” in Christ promotes **boldness** in our witness.
- “One” in Christ gives us **confident** access to the Father through faith.
- “One” in Christ brings **peace**.