"In **Christ**"

– Called; holy; blameless; adopted; redeemed; inheritance; sealed

– "Above all": 1:21; 3:10; 6:12

– *arche – exousia – dunamis – onoma*

– Disobedience, BUT GOD! Raised, seated

– Grace thru faith - Created for good works

– Brought near for reconciliation & Peace

– Access by the HS (2:18)

New Structure(19)

- No longer strangers, aliens… to God…
- Fellow citizens, God's <u>household</u>
- FAMILY!
- Built on the apostles/prophets – word!
- Jesus the cornerstone
- Fit together (4:16) and growing!

For what purpose?

- TEMPLE!!! (*naos*)
  - Holy to the Lord
  - Universal and all inclusive – Is 45:23; Ro 14:11; Phil 2:11; Rev 5:9; 14:6
- Built together (1x) continual process
  - varied materials…

For what within?

- Dwelling of GOD <u>in</u> the Spirit
  - THE GLORY! – Jn 14; 17; Ro 8:9ff
  - We are each a part, none are left out
  - So Paul gets specific… his part
  - CH 3 – "for this <u>reason</u>" (1:15; 3:14)
  - Prisoner??? And in God's perfect will!

Paul's call (2,3)

- Stewardship of God's grace
  - We are not owners, but stewards
  - Gentiles…

- By revelation – mystery…

- Apostles, prophets, in the Spirit
  - God's plan for all, not just Jews
  - Wrote in brief? Eph 1! Refer to it…

Mystery made known

- of Christ (4)
  - Gentiles are fellow heirs with Jews
  - Jn 4:22; Rom 3:1ff; started with the Jews
  - Fellow members of the Body (joint-body)
  - "in <u>Christ</u> Jesus through the gospel"
- Is this the Gospel we share/hear today?

Paul's place (7)

- *diakonos* – servant, waiter

- God's grace given to me

- Working of His power [*dunamis*]

- I am the "less of the least" 1x WHY?

- Focus on the ethnos – nations

- *euaggelizo* – announce, glad tidings (8)

- Unsearchable – Ro 11:33; Job 5:9; 9:10

Bring to light! (9)

- Made visible by God
  - It was hidden in God, world not ready…
  - He is creator of all… just remember…
- God's Wisdom, not man's (Gnostics)
  - Thru the church (*ekklesia*)- important!
  - *arche & exousia* (1:20,21) in heavenlies
  - Eternal purpose