

|Mission Harvest Baptist Church

Preparing with God: "God's Glory Through the Mystery of Christ"

Intro: We've titled this series, "Preparing with God," but what does that really mean? Well, we want to take this time to align ourselves with Him so that we can bring praise to His glory with the lives He has given us. Simply put: we want to be in tune with Him so that He looks and sounds and is portrayed in and through us according to His true, glorious nature! Today we will see that Christ ought to be glorified in the church more than anywhere else on this planet...and because that involves you and me, we want to be "prepared" to bring Him glory in our lives more than anywhere else on this planet...because He is so worthy of that glory!

Devotional Application: Eph. 4:1-3

Eph. 1 - This book reveals that our daily lifestyle _____ our heart attitude toward and understanding of all we have received when we were placed in Christ as His body and His bride. This is called the "conversation of your life."

Believers are in Christ (12x)

Eph. 2 – This book reveals that our daily lifestyle _____ our heart attitude toward and understanding of our position in the household of God by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Believers are in Christ by the power of the gospel of grace [alone!]

Eph. 3 – Believers are in Christ by the power of the gospel of grace [alone!] to the praise of His glory for all to see

Chapter 3

1. The Revelation of the Mystery of Christ through Paul (Eph. 3:1-12)

- a. The Mystery (Eph. 3:6) –
- b. Because this mystery was entrusted to Paul, it has also been entrusted to _____
- c. "Dispensation" –

2. The "Second Prayer" (Eph. 3:13-19)

- a. "Not for the Weak or Faint of Heart..." (Eph. 3:1; Eph. 4:1)
"Faint not" –
- b. "Strengthened with _____ by his Spirit in the inner man" (v. 16)
- c. "That Christ may _____ in your hearts by faith" (v. 17)
- d. That we would be _____ and _____ in love (v. 17)

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;" (Eph. 2:19)

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." (Eph. 2:10)

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- e. That we would be able to _____ the "breadth, and length, and depth, and height" of the love of Christ (v. 18)
 - f. To _____ the love of Christ (v. 19; Phil. 3:10)
 - g. To be "_____ with all the fulness of God" (v. 19; Eph. 4:13)
- 3. Unto him be _____ in the church... (Eph. 3:20-21)**

Worship – "worth-ship." How do we bring God glory day by day with our lives?

Key Take: Our submission to and stewardship of our position in Christ is directly proportional to the amount of glory we bring Christ as we put Him on display in our lives.

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