

OUR REVELATION OF CHRIST

Introduction: There are many blessings that we receive from Christ, but the most important of these blessings are those that improve our spiritual lives. When a person's spiritual life is blessed of God, the rest of his life is already blessed by God.

Lesson Aim: To instill in believers a deep concern for the welfare of their spiritual lives.

Key Verse: "...To be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man...and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God." (Eph 3:16b, 19).

Lesson Outline and Questions to Answer**I. Explanation of God's Business — 3:1-13****A. Missionary to the Gentiles — 13:1**

1. What phrase do you find repeated in verses 1 and 14?

B. Mystery of Christ's Church — 3:2-6

2. What dispensation is Paul addressing in this chapter? 3:2
3. What is the mystery of the church called? 3:4 "The mystery of _____"
4. List three characteristics of the church. 3:6
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

C. Ministry of the Apostle Paul — 3:7-13

5. How was Paul made a minister? 3:7
6. What humble description did Paul give of himself? 3:8
7. What was Paul's two-fold ministry? 3:8-9
 - a.
 - b.
8. Who will learn the manifold wisdom of God from the church? 3:10; also check 1 Pet 1:12
9. What two blessings come to us by faith in Christ? 3:12
 - a.
 - b.

II. Entreaty for God's Blessings — 3:14-21**A. Approach — 3:14-15**

10. Of whom is the whole family in Heaven and earth named? 3:14-15

B. Appeal — 3:16-19

11. Name four blessings Paul asks God to give to the believers in Ephesus. 3:16-19
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.

C. Acclaim — 3:20-21

12. Describe God's ability to answer prayer. 3:20
13. Where is God glorified? 3:21