

STUDY FIVE | EPHESIANS 3:1-13

REVEALED

Story so far

As Christians we have been chosen for adoption by God the Father, redeemed for living in unity under God the Son and sealed for inheritance by God the Spirit. God has made spiritually dead sinners, alive in Christ forever. We are reconciled by his grace and this grace also reconciles us to each other.

The Mystery

There has been a mystery troubling the people of Israel for centuries. This mystery concerns God's salvation plan. This mystery is now solved in an incredibly, unexpected way.

Prisoner

Paul begins this section reminding them that he is a prisoner. He describes himself as a 'prisoner of Christ'(v. 1) He makes clear that he has been imprisoned for teaching about Jesus. He also describes poignantly that this is 'for the sake of you Gentiles'(v. 1). It is valuable to have this in the front of our minds as we explore this section together.

'Heirs together'

Paul describes Gentiles and Jews as being 'heirs together'(v. 6). It is worth considering what it is that they inherit. It is also worth exploring how meditating on being heirs would be such an encouragement to Paul who is in prison and to the Ephesian church located in a pagan city. If your group has time, looking up Revelation 22:1-5 and asking these questions would be very helpful.

A NEW HUMANITY

APRIL 25

EPHESIANS 1:1-14 REDEEMED

MAY 2

EPHESIANS 1:15-23 RESURRECTED

MAY 9

EPHESIANS 2:1-10 RESTORED

MAY 16

EPHESIANS 2:11-22 RECONCILED

MAY 23

EPHESIANS 3:1-13 REVEALED

MAY 30

EPHESIANS 3:14-21 RENEWED

JUNE 6

EPHESIANS 4:1-16 REBUILT

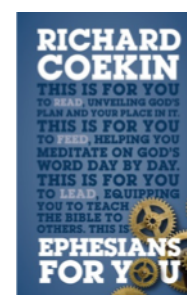
JUNE 13

EPHESIANS 4:17-5:2 REPENTANT

JUNE 20

EPHESIANS 5:3-20 REGENERATE

RESOURCE



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GETTING STARTED

1. What is your favourite mystery (either novel, film, Nordic Noir or real life)?
2. Why do we love mysteries and learning the solutions?

INTO THE TEXT

READ VERSES 3-6

3. What is the mystery made known to Paul?
4. How did Paul know the solution to the mystery?(v.3, 5)

READ VERSES 7-13

5. What is Paul's role in the revealing of this mystery?(v. 7-9)
6. What incredible truth do we discover about our churches in verses 10-11?
7. Paul is suffering in prison:

How does Paul see his sufferings(v.13) ?

How should the Ephesians see his sufferings (v.13)?

TAKEAWAY

8. How does this section change:

how we feel about meeting as a church ?

how we view suffering in order to share the gospel message?

9. How might sharing Paul's priorities allow you to shape your response to hardship?

10. Pray giving thanks to God that we are heirs together.