

First Words:

A. To \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ to the World  
***Ephesians 1:22-23*** - *And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

### 1. Context - ***Ephesians 1:15-23***

- a. Paul is praying for the spiritual enlighten of the believer
- b. He wants them to know their hope, inheritance, and power.

### 2. Content

- a. Supremacy of Christ - all things under, Head of all things to the Church. - **v. 22**
- b. The Sufficiency of Christ - Fills all in all. - **v.23a**
- c. His Body - He is filling us so that we can express who He is to the world. See ***Ephesians 3:19 & 4:14***

The church is \_\_\_\_\_, intended to \_\_\_\_\_ in the world. More than that, the church is intended to be a full expression of Him by being filled up by Him whose purpose is to fill everything.

B. To \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of God to the Heavenly Realms  
***Ephesians 3:10*** - *So that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.*

### 1. Context - ***Ephesians 3:1-12***

- a. Paul is discussing the revelation of the mystery of God, the church
- b. The essential element of the mystery is that Gentiles and Jews would partake together of the promise of Christ.

### 2. Content

- a. Purpose - to make known, purpose clause
- b. Direction - to angelic beings – See **6:12**, also ***I Pet 1:12***.
- c. Object - the manifold wisdom of God - the multifaceted or many-sided (polupoikilos) wisdom (Greek “sophia”) of God
- d. Agent - Through the agency of the church
- e. Note the relationship to God's grace in ***Ephesians. 2:6-10***

"The Church is the \_\_\_\_\_ in which the angels contemplate the wonderful wisdom of God".

C. To \_\_\_\_\_ the living God

***Ephesians. 3:20-21*** - *Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

1. Context - In ***Ephesians 3:16-21*** Paul is praying for the spiritual strengthening and insight in order that they might be filled with all the fullness of God.

### 2. Content

- a. All spiritual power is available to us (**v.20**). He can do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think.
- b. All glory is to be to the Father
  - 1) Person to be glorified -Give glory due Him (doxa)
  - 2) Place of glorification - in the church and in Christ - Example of Christ - ***John. 17:4*** and ***Philippians 2:11*** - Exhortations to believers - ***Jn. 15:8, Phil. 1:11, I Pet 4:10***
  - 3) Period of glorification - lit. unto all generations of the age of ages, amen (so be it)
  - 4) Power of glorification -He provides so I can glorify Him.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_ should lift endless praises to our God. I am a living \_\_\_\_\_ for my God.

D. To \_\_\_\_\_ the Saints of God

**Ephesians 4:12-13** - *To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ....*

1. Context - The resurrection of Christ & the gifts given when it occurred. - **Ephesians 4:7-16**
2. Content
  - a. Gifted Men - **v.11** - Apostles and Prophets - foundational, evangelists & pastor/teacher - functioning, given to church
  - b. Goal of giving them - **v.12**
    - 1) With the goal in mind to, or for the purpose of.
    - 2) Perfecting or equipping the saints - (Greek “katarizo”).  
The word means to put in a fit state.
    - 3) True Discipleship - Note **Matthew 28:18-20**
  - c. Result of equipping
    - 1) Shows goal or result
    - 2) Unto the work of the ministry – Greek "diakonias"-  
\_\_\_\_\_ - see **2 Corinthians 5:18**
    - 3) Unto the edifying of the body of Christ - Greek "oikodomen" - \_\_\_\_\_ -meaning to build up.
  - d. Extent of equipping - **vs. 13&14**  
- Until all come into the unity of the faith, unto perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

Through the church, the saints of God are to be brought into a \_\_\_\_\_ for the discharge of their \_\_\_\_\_ in the body of Christ.



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PURPOSE AND INTENT



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