

*A little more Background*

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1. Paul is writing from Rome where he is being held prisoner. He writes that it is “for the sake of the Gentiles,” that he is held prisoner.

**(Read Acts Chapter 21 from verse 17)** The Apostles in Jerusalem report that many Jews had believed but they couldn’t let go of the ancient law. Paul comes back to Jerusalem to report his success with the Gentiles. He had preached Christ to the Gentiles but he didn’t make them obey the Law of Moses. Even believing Jews could not stomach this teaching and swore they would not eat until they killed him (Acts 21:31). (Acts 23:12) He escaped from their dragnet by appealing to Caesar.

So he writes in 3:1, ...for the sake of you Gentiles, I am the “prisoner of Christ Jesus.”

Question: How did Paul get insight into the gospel he preached and wrote about? (3:3)

- A. College study
  - B. Revelation from the Lord
  - C. Teachers of the Law of Moses
  - D. from cyber space
2. In Reading this letter (Ephesians) (3:4), what should we be able to understand? (4:4)
- A. Paul’s suffering for the gospel
  - B. Paul’s testimony to Caesar
  - C. Paul’s missionary budget
  - D. Paul’s insight into the mystery of Christ
3. Was this information made known in previous generations? (5:5)
- A. Yes      B. No      C. Maybe
4. What is the “Mystery” that Paul Understands? (3: 6)  
That the Gentiles are:
- A. Heirs \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. Members \_\_\_\_\_ and
  - C. Sharers \_\_\_\_\_  
In the promises in Christ Jesus.
5. Paul was given grace through the power of God to preach to the Gentiles (3:7).  
What do you think he means when he says:  
**“I am less than the least of all God’s people.”** (3:8 a)
- A. he is shorter than all the others
  - B. he is bald
  - C. He is a despised Roman Citizen
  - D. He persecuted and killed Christians

6. What did Paul preach to the Gentiles? (3:8 b)

- A. The unreachable gifts of God
- B. The unsearchable riches of Christ
- C. The rechargeable truths of the Gospel
- D. The un-bleachable barricades of Jerusalem

7. What does Paul mean by the phrase:

“rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms.” (3:10) (see - 6: 11-12)

- A. Satan’s kingdom
- B. Violent video games
- C. MTV
- D. destructive tornadoes

8 Paul writes: “In Him (Jesus), and through faith in him we may approach God with: (3:12)

- A. fear and trembling”
- B. joy and excitement”
- C. freedom and confidence”
- D. hope and anticipation”

9. Paul prays a long prayer for the Ephesians (3-14-19)

What **kind of strength** does he ask God to give us? (3:18)

- “P \_\_\_\_\_ through the S \_\_\_\_\_ in your  
I \_\_\_\_\_ Be \_\_\_\_\_ .
- So that Christ may dwell in your H \_\_\_\_\_ by f \_\_\_\_\_.” (3:17)
- “...Being rooted and established in L \_\_\_\_\_ ” (3:17)

- And have power to . . . . grasp how W \_\_\_\_\_ and L \_\_\_\_\_  
And H \_\_\_\_\_ and D \_\_\_\_\_ is the **LOVE** of Christ.”

10. How powerful is God? How much is he able to do? (3:20)

- A. Immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine
- B. Only a little more than we can imagine
- C. Not quite as much as we can imagine

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