

Ephesians 2013

Lessons 41 and 42

The Doctrines in Chapter 3

Satisfying the Requirements of Good Relationship with God for His Family

- *Psalms 66:18 If I perceive sin in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.*
- *Psalms 32:5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.*
- *I Cor 11:31 But if we judge ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.*
- *1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all other unrighteousness*

Satisfying the Requirements of Joining God's Family for Everyone Else

- Ephesians 2:8 *For by grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of how good we are, so that no one may boast.*
- Rom. 11:6, *"But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of how good we are, otherwise grace is no longer grace."*
- Gal. 2:21, *"I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the following rules, then Christ died needlessly."*
- Gal. 3:24, *"Therefore the rules of the Jewish Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by trusting."*

Satisfying the Requirements of Joining God's Family for Everyone Else

- *1 Corinthians 3:11 There is nothing else salvation can be built upon, only Jesus Christ.'*
- *John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever trusts in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."*
- *"Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" Acts 16:31*

Privately praying to God the Father that you trust what Christ has done, not what you can do, is the method of salvation.

Ephesians 3:1

3 1FOR THIS reason
[because I preached
that you are thus built
up together], I, Paul,
[am] the prisoner of
Jesus the Christ for the
sake *and* on behalf of
you Gentiles....

Ephesians 3:2

2 Assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace (His unmerited favor) that was entrusted to me [to dispense to you] for your benefit,

Ephesians 3:4,5

4 When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ.

5 [This mystery] was never disclosed to human beings in past generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles (consecrated messengers) and prophets by the [Holy] Spirit.

Ephesians 3:6

6 [It is this:] that the Gentiles are now to be fellow heirs [with the Jews], members of the same body and joint partakers [sharing] in the same divine promise in Christ through [their acceptance of] the glad tidings (the Gospel).

Ephesians 3:7

7 Of this [Gospel] I was made a minister according to the gift of God's free grace (undeserved favor) which was bestowed on me by the exercise (the working in all its effectiveness) of His power.

Ephesians 3:8

8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints (God's consecrated people), this grace (favor, privilege) was granted *and* graciously entrusted: to proclaim to the Gentiles the unending (boundless, fathomless, incalculable, and exhaustless) riches of Christ [wealth which no human being could have searched out],

Ephesians 3:9

9 Also to enlighten all men *and* make plain to them what is the plan [regarding the Gentiles and providing for the salvation of all men] of the mystery kept hidden through the ages *and* concealed until now in [the mind of] God Who created all things *by Christ Jesus*.

Ephesians 3:10

10 [The purpose is] that through the church the ^kcomplicated, many-sided wisdom of God in all its infinite *variety and* innumerable aspects might now be made known to the angelic rulers and authorities (principalities and powers) in the heavenly sphere.

Ephesians 3:11

11 This is in
accordance with the
terms of the eternal
and timeless purpose
which He has
realized *and* carried
into effect in [the
person of] Christ
Jesus our Lord,

Ephesians 3:12

12 In Whom, because of our faith in Him, we dare to have the boldness (courage and confidence) of free access (an unreserved approach to God with freedom and without fear).

Ephesians 3:13

13 So I ask you not to lose heart [not to faint or become despondent through fear] at what I am suffering in your behalf. [Rather glory in it] for it is an honor to you.

Ephesians 3:14

14 For this reason
[*seeing the greatness
of this plan by which
you are built together
in Christ*], I bow my
knees before the
Father *of our Lord
Jesus Christ*,

Ephesians 3:15

15 For Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named [that Father from Whom all fatherhood takes its title and derives its name].

Ephesians 3:16

16 May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened *and* reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].

Ephesians 3:17

17 May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love *and* founded securely on love,

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Ephesians 3:18

18 That you may have the power *and* be strong to apprehend *and* grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];

Ephesians 3:19a

19 [That you may really come] to know
[practically, ^mthrough experience for yourselves]
the love of Christ, which far surpasses ⁿmere
knowledge [without experience]; that you may be
filled [through all your being]

Ephesians 3:19b

°unto all the fullness
of God [may have the
richest measure of
the divine Presence,
and ^pbecome a body
wholly filled and
flooded with God
Himself]!

Ephesians 3:20

20 Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over *and* above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—

Ephesians 3:21

21 To Him be glory
in the church and in
Christ Jesus
throughout all
generations forever
and ever. Amen (so
be it). - Amplified
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