

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS



5. Paul's Call to the Gentiles

Introduction

Paul was in prison when he wrote the letter we know as the Book of Ephesians. It was probably about AD60-61. Although this letter was addressed to the believers in Ephesus, it would have been passed around to the churches in other cities as well. As we come to chapter 3 Paul mentions he is in prison because of his ministry to the Gentile Christians.

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:1-11

† What had God called Paul to do and how does he describe this call? v2, 7-9

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† What is the 'mystery of Christ' that God revealed to Paul? v4 - 6, 10

† What does it mean when it says in v10 'the wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms'?

† Just as God had called Paul to preach to the Gentiles, He has a calling on each one of our lives. What can we learn from Paul's testimony that will help us fulfill our calling? See v2, 4, 7-8

† What do you think God has called you to do? Share your thoughts.
(Some of you may not be sure yet as this is something that becomes clearer when you grow in your walk with God. Often others can 'see' your gifts and abilities, and this may help you discover what God has called you to do.)

Conclusion

God has called each of us to be His children, part of His family, but He has also called us to fulfill a specific purpose here on earth. Paul was called to preach to the Gentiles. Whatever we are called to do, Paul urges us to live a life worthy of our calling. Ephesians 4:1 says: "I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received." Let's do that!