

Ephesians 3:5-13

Ephesians 3:5 – “which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.”

3739 [e]	2087 [e]	1074 [e]	3756 [e]	1107 [e]	3588 [e]	5207 [e]	3588 [e]	444 [e]	5613 [e]	3568 [e]
ho	heterais	geneais	ouk	egnōrīsthē	tois	huiōis	tōn	anthrōpōn	hōs	nyn
5 ὅ	ἑτέροις	γενεαῖς	οὐκ	ἐγνωρίσθη	τοῖς	υἱοῖς	τῶν	ἀνθρώπων	, ὡς	νῦν
which	in other	generations	not	was made known	to the	sons	-	of men	as	now
RelPro-NNS	Adj-DFP	N-DFP	Adv	V-AIP-3S	Art-DMP	N-DMP	Art-GMP	N-GMP	Adv	Adv

601 [e]	3588 [e]	40 [e]	652 [e]	846 [e]	2532 [e]	4396 [e]	1722 [e]	4151 [e]
apekalyphthē	tois	hagiois	apostolois	autou	kai	prophētais	en	Pneumati
ἀπεκαλύφθη	τοῖς	ἁγίοις	ἀποστόλοις	αὐτοῦ	καὶ	προφήταις	ἐν	Πνεύματι
it has been revealed	to	holy	apostles	His	and	prophets	in	[the] Spirit
V-AIP-3S	Art-DMP	Adj-DMP	N-DMP	PPro-GM3S	Conj	N-DMP	Prep	N-DNS

1. OT prophets did not understand because it was not revealed to them.
 - a. Although the Gentiles are consistently mentioned as being involved, it was not clear how or to what extent:
 - i. Genesis 12:3 – “I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”
 - ii. Isaiah 56:3 – “Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, “The Lord will surely separate me from his people”
 - iii. Isaiah 11:10 – “In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.”
 - iv. Isaiah 49:6 – “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”
 - v. Isaiah 42:1 – Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.”
2. It can be found in the OT, but it was not at the forefront of Jewish theology, that the Old Covenant would be replaced by a better covenant:
 - a. Deuteronomy 18:15, 18 –
 - i. “The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him.”
 - ii. “I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.”
 - iii. Note the religious leaders asked John the Baptist if he was this prophet, Philip told Nathaniel they had found this prophet and John the Baptist sent his disciples to ask Jesus if he was this prophet:

1. John 1:21 – “And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”
2. John 1:45 – “Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”
3. Luke 7:19 – “calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”
 - b. Jeremiah 31:31 – “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah”
3. “apostles...prophets” here is clearly the New Testament prophets because it has just referred to the OT prophets not having it revealed to them.
4. Prophets of the OT longed to understand these undisclosed revelations:
 - a. 1 Peter 1:10-12 – “Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.”
 - b. Matthew 13:17 (Luke 10:24) – “For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

Ephesians 3:6 -“This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

1510 [e]	3588 [e]	1484 [e]	4789 [e]	2532 [e]	4954 [e]	2532 [e]	4830 [e]	3588 [e]	1860 [e]	1722 [e]
einai	ta	ethnē	synklēronoma	kai	syssōma	kai	symmetocha	tēs	epangelias	en
6 εἶναι	τὰ	ἔθνη	συνκληρονόμα	, καὶ	σύσσωμα	, καὶ	συμμέτοχα	τῆς	ἐπαγγελίας	ἐν
are	the	Gentiles	joint-heirs	and	a joint-body	and	joint-partakers	of the	promise	in
V-PNA	Art-ANP	N-ANP	Adj-ANP	Conj	Adj-ANP	Conj	Adj-ANP	Art-GFS	N-GFS	Prep

5547 [e]	2424 [e]	1223 [e]	3588 [e]	2098 [e]			
Christō	Iēsou	diā	toū	euangeliou			
Χριστῷ	Ἰησοῦ	, διὰ	τοῦ	εὐαγγελίου	,		
Christ	Jesus	through	the	gospel			
N-DMS	N-DMS	Prep	Art-GNS	N-GNS			

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1. The mystery of the Gospel is clearly stated in this verse. It’s a summary of Ephesians 2:11-22:
 - a. The Gentiles can come to God through Christ as easily as the Jews can come to God through Christ.
 - b. Note these important points:
 - i. This does not say the Gentiles are now equal to the Jews, but that the Gentiles can be in Christ just like the Jews can be in Christ. Or, the Gentiles can miss Christ just like the Jews can miss Christ and have nothing.
 - ii. This does not say the Jews come to God through the law, but now the Gentiles can come by Christ. Both the Jews and the Gentiles must come to God through Christ.

- iii. In Christ the Gentiles and the Jews, or ALL PEOPLE OF THE EARTH, who are in Christ are:
 1. Fellow heirs
 2. Members of the same body
 3. Partakers of the promise IN CHRIST JESUS which is the NEW COVENANT (not in the Abrahamic Covenant, or Sinaitic Covenant, the Law of Moses, or any other Covenant)
- 2. Three “*sun-*“ meaning “with” or “co-“ prefixes:
 - a. **Co-heirs** – *sygkleronoma*
 - i. Romans 8:17 – co-heirs with Christ
 - ii. Galatians 3:29 – and 4:7 – Gentiles are co-inheritors of the kingdom along with the Jews
 - b. **Co-members** – *sysstoma* – of the same body is used only here in the NT and may have been a word created by Paul. There is no other human society comparable to this group because Christ is the head of this society (Eph. 4:15; 5:23; Col. 1:18)
 - c. **Co-partners** – *symmetocha* – This is the opposite of what is seen in Ephesians 2:12 which said we “were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.”

Ephesians 3:7 –“Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power.”

3739 [e]	1096 [e]	1249 [e]	2596 [e]	3588 [e]	1431 [e]	3588 [e]	5485 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	3588 [e]	1325 [e]
hou	egenēthēn	diakonos	kata	tēn	dōrean	tēs	charitos	tou	Theou	tēs	dotheisēs
7 οὗ	ἐγενήθην	διάκονος	κατὰ	τὴν	δωρεὰν	τῆς	χάριτος	τοῦ	Θεοῦ	τῆς	, δοθείσης
of which	I became	servant	according to	the	gift	of the	grace	-	of God	-	having been given
RelPro-GNS	V-AIP-1S	N-NMS	Prep	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Art-GFS	N-GFS	Art-GMS	N-GMS	Art-GFS	V-APP-GFS

1473 [e]	2596 [e]	3588 [e]	1753 [e]	3588 [e]	1411 [e]	846 [e]
moi	kata	tēn	energeian	tēs	dynameōs	autou
μοι	κατὰ	τὴν	ἐνέργειαν	τῆς	δυνάμεως	αὐτοῦ .
to me	according to	the	working	of the	power	of Him
PPro-D1S	Prep	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Art-GFS	N-GFS	PPro-GM3S

1. “I became” – *egenethen* – “I was made” or “I became”
 - a. a form of the verb *ginomai* meaning “to come into being”, “to happen”, “to become”.
 - b. It means to emerge, transitioning from one point, realm or condition to another.
2. “servant” – *diakonos* – meaning “a waiter”, “a servant”, or “any one who performs any service”.
 - a. A *diakonos* was someone who was a table waiter always serving the customer and beaconing to their calls.
 - b. Originally it meant “someone who raises up dust by moving about in a hurry getting finishing their errands.
 - c. The English word “deacon” finds its roots in this Greek word *diakonos* which also means “minister” in English.
3. “gift of God’s grace” – refers to Paul’s spiritual gift of Apostle
 - a. This gift of apostleship came with “spiritual power” and “divine opportunity”:
 - i. Ep. 3:2 – “assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you”

- ii. Ep. 3:8 – “To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,”
- b. All members of this household in Christ have a gift with divine empowerment and opportunity:
 - i. Ephesians 4:11-13
 - ii. 1 Corinthians 12:1-7
 - iii. 1 Peter 4:10-11
 - iv. 2 Timothy 1:6-7

Ephesians 3:8 -“To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,”

1473 [e]	3588 [e]	1647 [e]	3956 [e]	40 [e]	1325 [e]	3588 [e]	5485 [e]	3778 [e]	3588 [e]	1484 [e]
Emoi	tō	elachistoterō	pantōn	hagiōn	edothē	hē	charis	hautē	tois	ethnesin
8 Ἐμοὶ , τῷ	ἐλαχιστοτέρῳ	πάντων	ἁγίων ,	ἐδόθη	ἡ	χάρις	αὕτη :	τοῖς	ἔθνεσιν	
To me	the	very least	of all	saints	was given	the	grace	this	to the	Gentiles
PPro-D1S	Art-DMS	Adj-DMS-C	Adj-GMP	Adj-GMP	V-AIP-3S	Art-NFS	N-NFS	DPro-NFS	Art-DNP	N-DNP

2097 [e]	3588 [e]	421 [e]	4149 [e]	3588 [e]	5547 [e]
euangelisasthai	to	anexichniaston	ploutos	tou	Christou
εὐαγγελίσασθαι	τὸ	ἀνεξιχνίαστον	πλοῦτος	τοῦ	Χριστοῦ ,
to preach	the	unsearchable	riches	-	of Christ
V-ANM	Art-ANS	Adj-ANS	N-ANS	Art-GMS	N-GMS

Ephesians 3:9 -“and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,”

2532 [e]	5461 [e]	3956 [e]	5101 [e]	3588 [e]	3622 [e]	3588 [e]	3466 [e]	3588 [e]	613 [e]	575 [e]	3588 [e]
kai	phōtīσαι	pantas	tis	hē	oikonomia	tou	mystēriou	tou	apokekrymmenou	apo	tōn
9 καὶ	φωτίσαι	πάντας	τίς	ἡ	οἰκονομία	τοῦ	μυστηρίου	τοῦ	ἀποκεκρυμμένου	ἀπὸ	τῶν
and	to enlighten	all	what [is]	the	administration	of the	mystery	-	having been hidden	from	the
Conj	V-ANA	Adj-AMP	IPro-NFS	Art-NFS	N-NFS	Art-GNS	N-GNS	Art-GNS	V-RPMP-GNS	Prep	Art-GMP

165 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]	3588 [e]	3588 [e]	3956 [e]	2936 [e]
aiōnōn	en	tō	Theō	tō	ta	panta	ktisanti
αἰώνων	ἐν	τῷ	Θεῷ ,	τῷ	τὰ	πάντα	κτίσαντι ,
ages	in	-	God	the [One]	-	all things	having created
N-GMP	Prep	Art-DMS	N-DMS	Art-DMS	Art-ANP	Adj-ANP	V-APA-DMS

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.”

2443 [e]	1107 [e]	3568 [e]	3588 [e]	746 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	1849 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	2032 [e]	1223 [e]	
hina	gnōristhē	nyn	tais	archais	kai	tais	exousiais	en	tois	epouraniois	dia	
10	ἵνα	γνωρισθῆ	νῦν	ταῖς	ἀρχαῖς	καὶ	ταῖς	ἐξουσίαις	ἐν	τοῖς	ἐπουρανόις ,	διὰ
	so that	should be made known	now	to the	rulers	and	the	authorities	in	the	heavenly realms	through
	Conj	V-ASP-3S	Adv	Art-DFP	N-DFP	Conj	Art-DFP	N-DFP	Prep	Art-DNP	Adj-DNP	Prep

3588 [e]	1577 [e]	3588 [e]	4182 [e]	4678 [e]	3588 [e]	2316 [e]
tēs	ekklēsias	hē	polyoikilos	sophia	tou	Theou
τῆς	ἐκκλησίας ,	ἡ	πολυποίκιλος	σοφία	τοῦ	Θεοῦ ,
the	church	the	manifold	wisdom	-	of God
Art-GFS	N-GFS	Art-NFS	Adj-NFS	N-NFS	Art-GMS	N-GMS

Ephesians 3:11 -“This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,”

2596 [e]	4286 [e]	3588 [e]	165 [e]	3739 [e]	4160 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	5547 [e]	2424 [e]	3588 [e]	2962 [e]	
kata	prothesin	tōn	aiōnōn	hēn	epoiēsen	en	tō	Christō	Iēsou	tō	Kyriō	
11	κατὰ	πρόθεσιν	τῶν	αἰώνων ,	ἣν	ἐποίησεν	ἐν	τῷ	Χριστῷ	Ἰησοῦ	τῷ	Κυρίῳ
	according to	[the] purpose	of the	ages	which	He accomplished	in	-	Christ	Jesus	the	Lord
	Prep	N-AFS	Art-GMP	N-GMP	RelPro-AFS	V-AIA-3S	Prep	Art-DMS	N-DMS	N-DMS	Art-DMS	N-DMS

1473 [e]
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PPro-G1P

Ephesians 3:12 -“in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.”

1722 [e]	3739 [e]	2192 [e]	3588 [e]	3954 [e]	2532 [e]	4318 [e]	1722 [e]	4006 [e]	1223 [e]	3588 [e]	
en	hō	echomen	tēn	parrēsian	kai	prosagōgēn	en	pepoithēsei	dia	tēs	
12	ἐν	ᾧ	ἔχομεν	τὴν	παρρησίαν	καὶ	προσαγωγὴν	ἐν	πεποιθήσει ,	διὰ	τῆς
	in	whom	we have	-	boldness	and	access	in	confidence	by	the
	Prep	RelPro-DMS	V-PIA-1P	Art-AFS	N-AFS	Conj	N-AFS	Prep	N-DFS	Prep	Art-GFS

4102 [e] 846 [e]
pisteōs autou
πίστεως αὐτοῦ .
faith from Him
N-GFS PPro-GM3S

Ephesians 3:13 -“So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.”

1352 [e]	154 [e]	3361 [e]	1573 [e]	1722 [e]	3588 [e]	2347 [e]	1473 [e]	5228 [e]	4771 [e]	3748 [e]	1510 [e]	1391 [e]
Dio	aitoumai	mē	enkakein	en	tais	thlipsesin	mou	hyper	hymōn	hētis	estin	doxa
13 Διὸ	αἰτοῦμαι	μὴ	ἐνκακεῖν	ἐν	ταῖς	θλίψεσίν	μου	ὑπὲρ	ὑμῶν ,	ἧτις	ἐστὶν	δόξα
Therefore	I implore [you]	not	to lose heart	at	the	tribulations	of me	for	you	which	is	glory
Conj	V-PIM-1S	Adv	V-PNA	Prep	Art-DFP	N-DFP	PPro-G1S	Prep	PPro-G2P	RelPro-NFS	V-PIA-3S	N-NFS

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