

Ephesians 3:7-13

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]
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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 beaoning 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
 - c. First John 5:15 – “And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.”
 - i. John 14:13-14
 - ii. John 15:4-8
 - d. God’s will
 - i. General Will
 - ii. Specific Will

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	elachistotero	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

1. “very least” – *elachistotero* – literally the word means “leaster” or “more least”
 - a. This word is a combination of:
 - i. a comparison of Paul with others
 - ii. and an adjective expressing the degree/quality
 - b. It may be a play on Paul’s name – *paulos* means “little”
 - c. Paul often recognized himself as being nothing, a nobody, yet empower by the great God to achieve a divine purpose. (2 Corinthians 12:11 – “I have been a fool! You forced me to it, for I ought to have been commended by you. For I was not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing.”)
2. God’s general will for Paul was to go to the Gentiles with the message
3. “Unsearchable” – *anexichniastos* – means they cannot be traced out.
 - a. Used by Job to describe God’s ways that cannot be known to man
 - b. Romans 11:33 – “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!”
4. “Riches” – *ploutos* – a word uniquely used by Paul to describe the inheritance, the life, the potential, the treasure – thus, *ploutos*, “riches” – in Christ. (Ephesians 1:7, 18; 2:7; 3:8, 16)

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	phōtisai	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

1. “bring to light” or “make plain” – *photisai* – means “to shine” “to give light”.
 - a. It is used in statements such as “I light up” or “I illumine” or “I make evident” or “I reveal”

- b. A derivative meaning of this same word is found meaning “to teach” in the LXX (Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Hebrew/Aramaic Scriptures made beginning in 250 BC and continuing up until completed around 150 BC)
2. “everyone” -
 3. “plan of the mystery” -
 4. “hidden for ages” – *apo ton aionon* – “from the ages”
 - a. not even known to angels, but only in the mind of God. (Colossians 1:26).
 - b. “ages” – *aionon* – can mean ages or also the eons which are personified as angelic/spiritual powers that are mentioned in the very next verse.
 5. “in God, who created all things” – This was God’s plan from the very beginning, even at the point of creation.
 - a. Planned from the beginning – 1 Corinthians 2:7 – “But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.”
 - b. Concealed from the beginning – Romans 16:25 – “Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages.”

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]
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10 ἵνα	γνωρισθῆ	νῦν	ταῖς	ἀρχαῖς	καὶ	ταῖς	ἐξουσίαις	ἐν	τοῖς	ἐπουρανίοις	, 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]
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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

1. First Peter 1:12 – “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.”
2. Daniel 12:8-9 – “I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, “O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?” He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end.”

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

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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]
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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

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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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