



Equipping so that...we Root the Paradigm











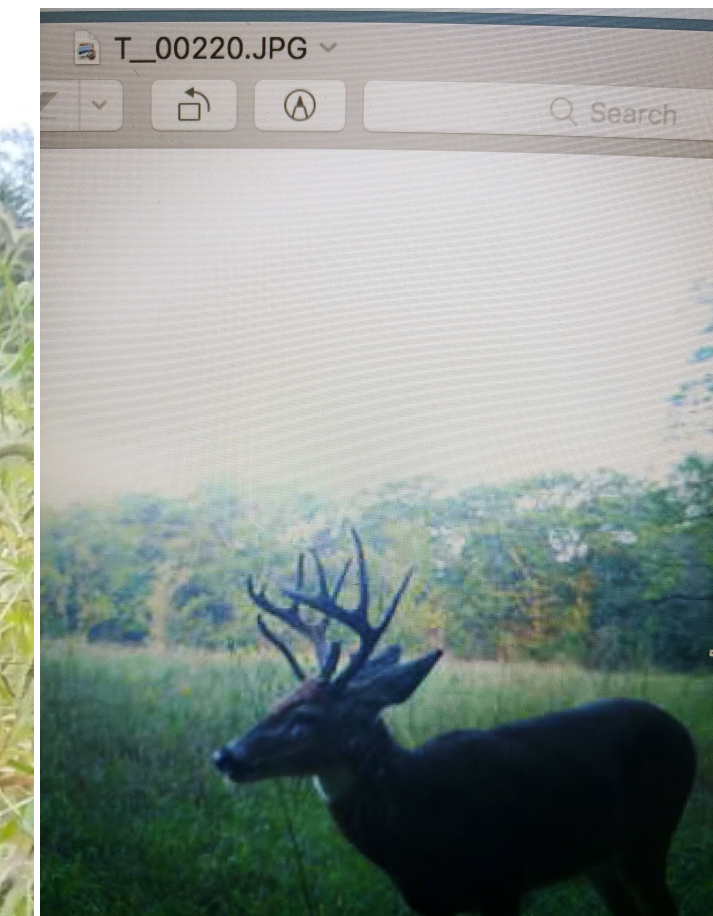


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# Unifying our Hearts, Praying Ephesians 3:16-19

For the purpose of rooting our global network family in TWCA, we will work together on memorizing Ephesians 3:16-19.

We will spend a portion of each morning, memorizing together this important prayer. We expect by the end of the conference, that everyone would have this prayer in their minds to draw upon in their life.



# Unifying our Hearts, Praying Ephesians 3:16-20

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# Unifying our Hearts, Praying Ephesians 3:16-20

Work for us in September and October!

- a song?
- Memorize Ephesians 3:16-20 in our churches. Work on saying it in your churches. We will work on it together on Sunday mornings too.



# Family Budget

Budgeted for week 39

\$356,265

Accumulated income

**\$311,936**

Weekly budget

\$9,135

Income for 9/22/19

**\$10,262**

BILD Conference Commitment Sheets

\$91,000

Gifts to Date

**\$31,895**





1970

1990

2010

2030

2050

2070

1st Generation - **Recovering** The Way of Christ and His Apostles paradigm

2nd Generation - **Rooting** The Way of Christ and His Apostles paradigm

Col 2:7 **rooted and built up in him and established in the faith**, just as you were taught..

**rooted** - **ρίζώ** - **rhizoo** - to be established, conceived of as if a plant being or becoming fixed in the ground - fix firmly, solid

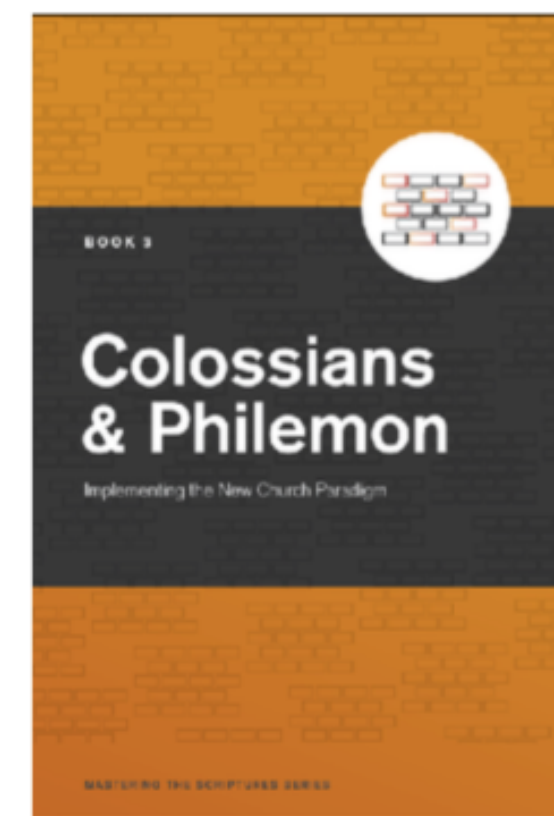
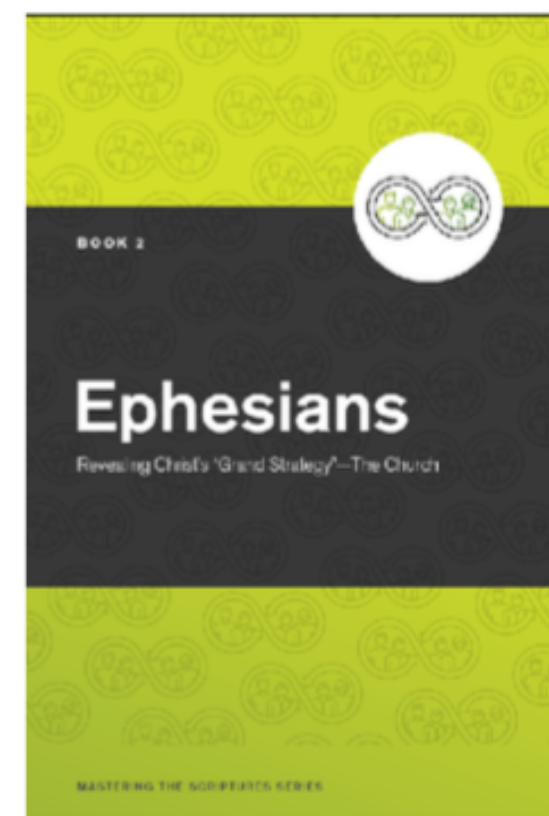




# Paul's Early Letters



# Paul's Middle Letters





## Reflections from Last Week

Being rooted in the paradigm means that our theology and church practice is shaped more by the first 300 years of the church than the last 300 years.

I don't think most people recognize how much Catholicism they still have.



# Reflections from Last Week

Relative date of writing & the emphasis in content makes “early”, “middle”, or “later”

**Early - Basics**

**Middle - Advanced**

**Later - Perpetuating**



**Gospel**

**Church & Community**

**Morality**

**Mission**





**How do we fully participate in what God is doing? How do we know if we are moving towards maturity and fully participating?**

- Using role and gifts
- Faithful in Lifework

- Striving to know your unique gifts and role
- Understanding the collective work of the church

- Doing good works
- Church not a family
- Don't see Christ in each other

- Shifting foundations of hope
- Unclear how life decisions are a part of the gospel

- Hope is in self

**Fully Participating (Mature)  
Productive Member of Community**

**Establishment Process  
Onwards to Maturity**

**Begin Establishment (Infant)**

**Conversion**

**In Name Only  
Not Participating**

**No Belief**

- Confidence in Christ's Plan
- Clear on Your Own Gifts and Role
- Know the Gospel and The Teachings

- Learning First Principles
- Developing Life Skills

- Gospel with portions of Teaching
- Unable to decipher fundamental teachings
- Beginning to be a disciple of Jesus

- Embrace the Gospel, Baptism
- Join the Church
- A follower of Jesus

- Believe in other gospels, teachings of the world and self

**Everyone starts at the same place  
We all grow little by little**

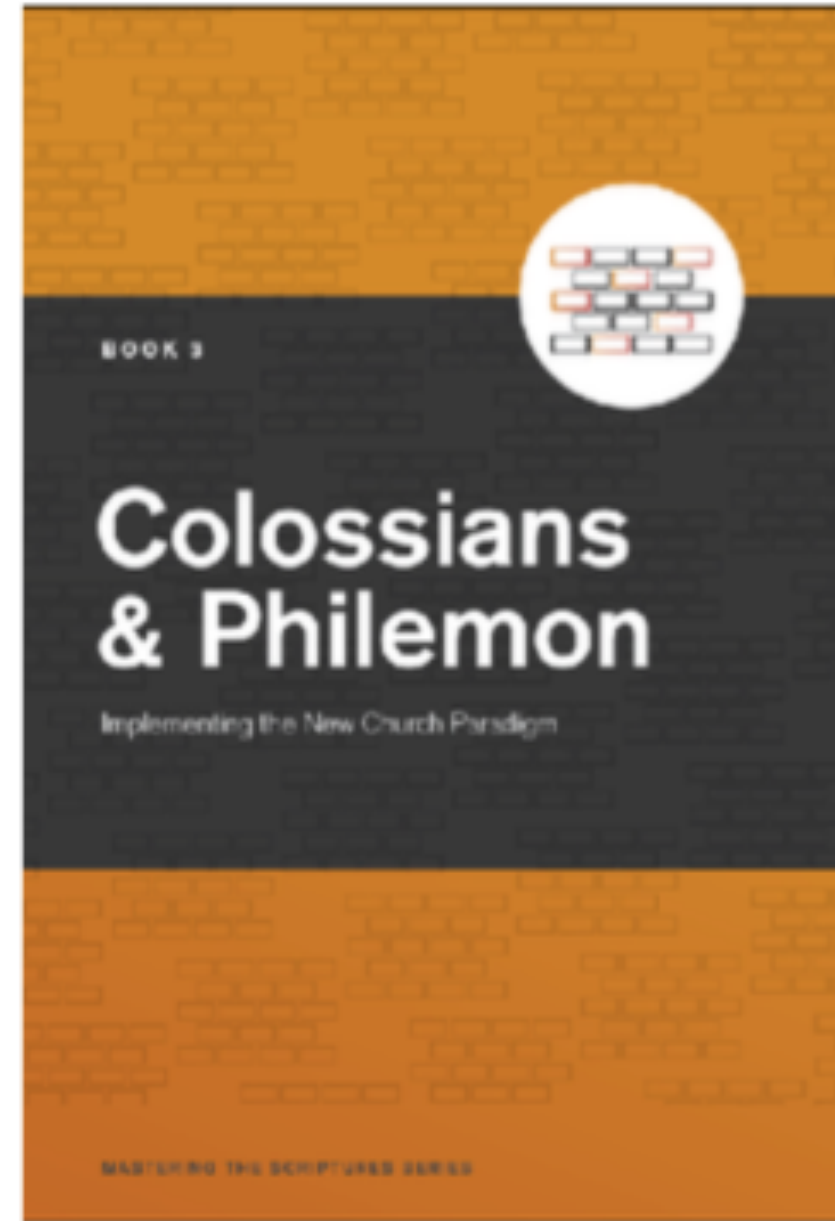
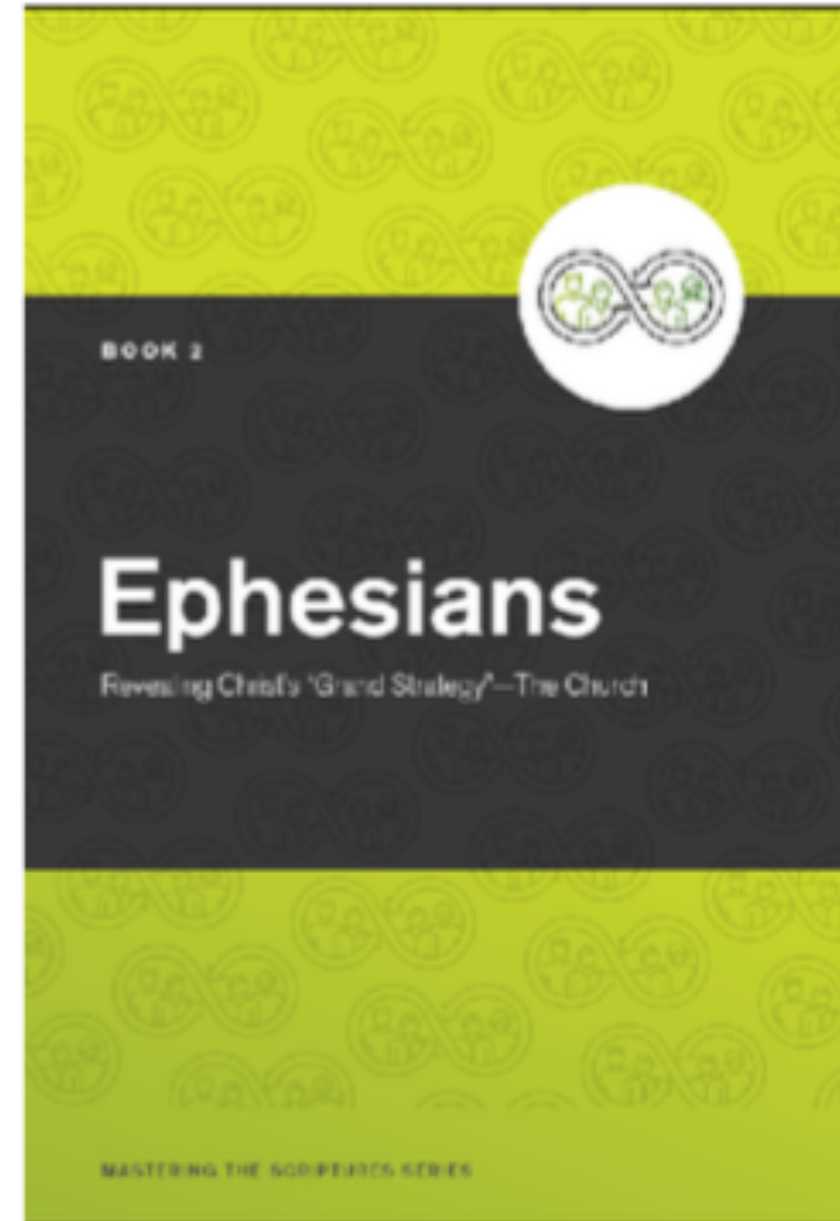
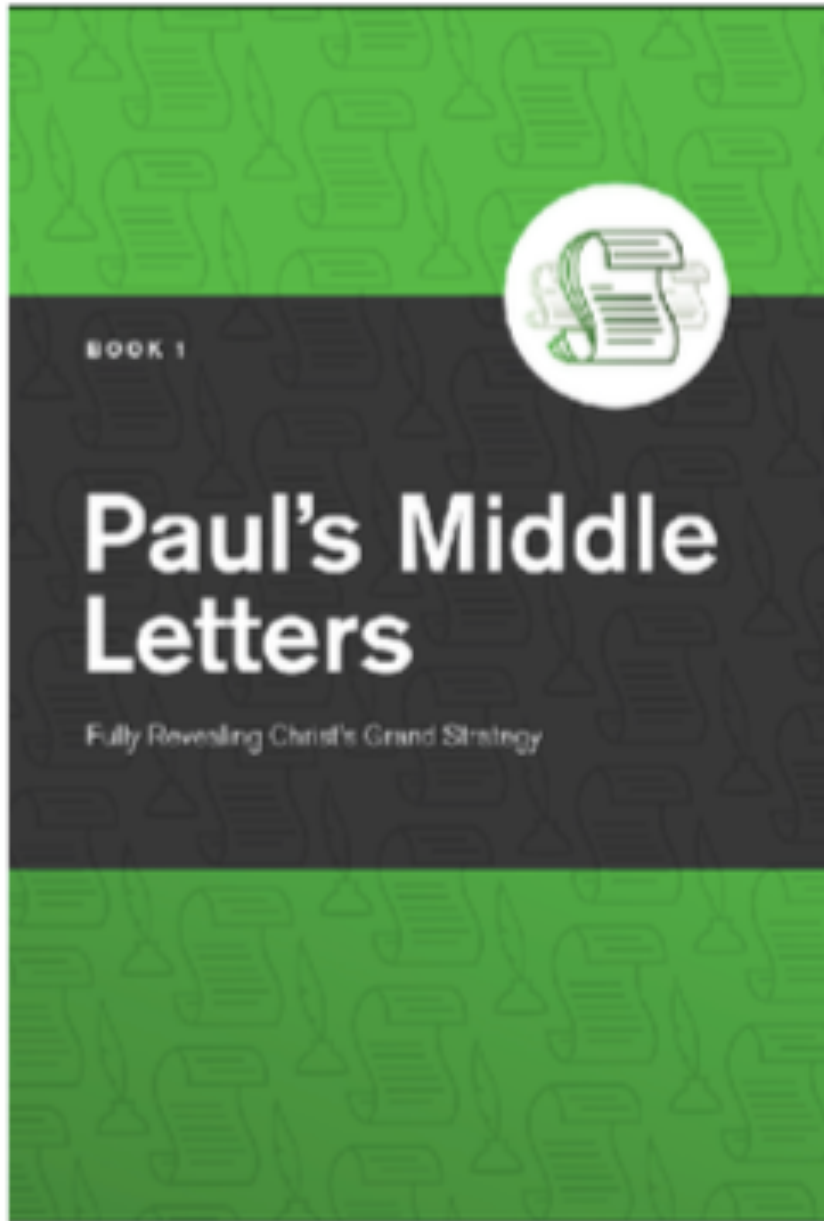


# Reflections from Last Week





# Paul's Middle Letters





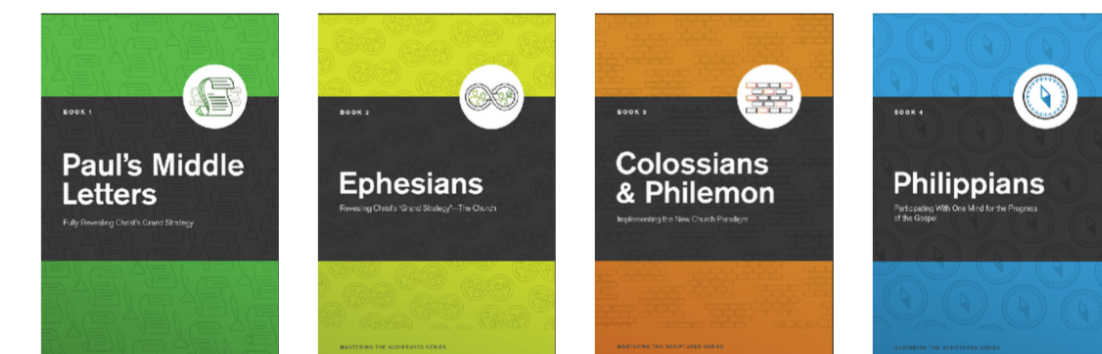
# First Section of Ephesians 1-3

## Key Words

1:10 - God's Plan

3:9 - Christ's Plan

### Paul's Middle Letters

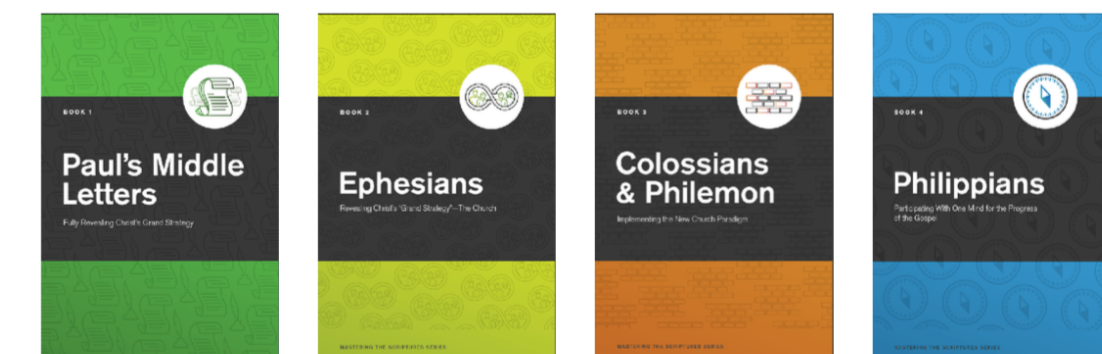




# Summary of portions of first section

- God developed a plan in Christ and His Church to accomplish His eternal purposes.
- God put His power to work in Christ, putting Him head over the Church.
- We are now created for good works as we participate in the plan, in Christ, in His Church
- We are members of God's household, one foundation laid by the apostles, Christ is the Cornerstone.
- The mystery, of which Paul made clear, through Christ and His church God's wisdom would be made known to everyone, even rulers.
- Churches need to fully understand Christ and His Church as central to God's plan for the power to be unleashed in their churches for God to be glorified.

## Paul's Middle Letters





God developed a plan in Christ and His Church to accomplish His (God's) eternal purposes.

**3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places...

With all wisdom and insight **9** he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, **10** as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. **11** In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, **12** so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. **13** In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; **14** this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.



God put His power to work in Christ, putting Christ head over the church.

**15** I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason **16** I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. **17** I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, **18** so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, **19** and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. **20** God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, **21** far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. **22** And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, **23** which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.



## We are created for good works as we fully participate in God's plan, with Christ and His Church

**1** You were dead through the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. **3** All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. **4** But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us **5** even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— **6** and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, **7** so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. **8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— **9** not the result of works, so that no one may boast. **10** For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.



We are members of God's household, with one foundation laid with Christ as cornerstone and apostles as the foundation.

**11** So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— **12** remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **13** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **14** For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. **15** He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, **16** and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. **17** So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; **18** for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. **19** So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, **20** built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. **21** In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; **22** in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.



The mystery, through Christ and His church, God's wisdom will be made known to all.

**1** This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— **2** for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, **3** and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, **4** a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. **5** In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: **6** that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. **7** Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. **8** Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, **9** and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; **10** so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. **11** This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, **12** in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. **13** I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.



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**14** For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, **15** from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. **16** I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, **17** and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. **18** I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, **19** and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**20** Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, **21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



# Discussion Time

1. What is God's, Christ's plan?
2. Why is it significant that we need the Spirit's empowerment to truly understand? How does this look for us individually and collectively as a church?
3. What is your individual lifework that is aligned with Christ's plan? How can you move towards fully participating? How can you be fully enlightened?
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ACTS 19, 20:17-38 →



First Section

Paul's role was to reveal the management or administration of God's Plan. He does this through his letters to the churches. ✉

**1:10 - God's Plan**  
**3:9 - Christ's Plan**

**1:3 - 3:21 God's Plan: Jesus is head of the Church, the Church will show God's wisdom.**

**Implications for the Church**

**Prayer 1:15-23** - to be fully enlightened to truly know our calling and the power available to Christ and His church to accomplish His purposes.

1. We need supernatural enlightenment to fully comprehend Christ's plan and the administration of the plan.
2. This includes both our individual and collective (church-wide) enlightenment, which we can fully understand if we are continuously striving to be part of God's plan.
3. God's power raised Jesus from death, same power is now at work moving Christ's plan forward, with His Spirit empowering the church.
4. These two prayers summarize the essence of all of it!

- God developed a plan in Christ and His Church to accomplish His eternal purposes. 1:3-14
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**Prayer 3:14-21** - to have the power to comprehend God's plan, that God might be glorified in the Church and in Christ.

