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Ephesians Bible study

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Study of Ephesians Chapter 3

Who were the Ephesians?

They were the people who lived in the ancient city of **Ephesus**, an important Greek-Roman city in Asia Minor, in what is now western Turkey.

Ephesus was **wealthy, influential, religiously diverse, and deeply associated with pagan worship and magical practices**. One of its most famous religious sites was the **Temple of Artemis (Diana)**, regarded in antiquity as one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.



Paul does not begin Ephesians with spiritual warfare. He begins with identity, authority in Messiah, grace, belonging, unity, love, and spiritual maturity.

Paul explains that Yahweh's previously hidden mystery has now been revealed: **Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same Body, and participants in the promise in Messiah Yeshua** (Ephesians 3:6).

Then comes a remarkable statement:

Ephesians 3:10

“...so that now through the church the multifaceted wisdom of God might be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.” — AMP

Paul is therefore talking about something much bigger than individual salvation. Yahweh is forming **one covenant people in Messiah**, and through that people His wisdom is being demonstrated even to the spiritual rulers and authorities.

Ephesians 3:5–6 explains the mystery:

“...the Gentiles are now joint **heirs and fellow members** of the same body, and **joint partakers** [sharing] in the [same divine] promise in Christ Jesus (Yeshua) through [their faith in] the good news [of salvation].” —

Ephesians 3:6 AMP

Therefore, we must understand that we are living in these days where there are so many people with diverse believe systems rooted in different cultures and religion. There has been a **mixture in worship** and God wants us to know who we are.

Yeshua did not only die on the cross for our sins, He died so that we could be brought **back to covenant** relationship with Him in every form and to reestablish or **identity** in Him in Heavenly places.

Word prayer

It is always good to use the prayers in Gods Word and incorporate it in our daily lives.

This brings power to the words we pray and it helps us say what needs to be said when we do not have the words to say.

Use this prayer and incorporate your own name, your families name or any other name God places on your heart.

A Prayer for the Ephesians

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom **every family**^[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ (Yeshua) may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ (Yeshua), ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus **throughout all generations**, for ever and ever! Amen.

