

Defined - What We Have in Christ

Ephesians 3:1-6 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— 2 if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace which was given to me for you; 3 that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. 4 By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; 6 *to be specific*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Ephesians 3:3 “By revelation there was made known to me the mystery.”

1. Fellow Heirs – Our _____

Ephesians 3:6 *To be specific*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs

1 Peter 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 *to obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you.

- **Our inheritance is _____.**
John 14:2 In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.
- **Our inheritance is _____.**
Psalm 16:5-6 The LORD is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You support my lot. 6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me.

Ezekiel 44:28 And it shall be with regard to an inheritance for them, *that* I am their inheritance; and you shall give them no possession in Israel—I am their possession.

2. Fellow _____ – Our Family

Ephesians 3:6 The Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body...

Ephesians 2:12 *remember* that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

- **Move from excluded to _____.**
Isaiah 43:1 But now, thus says the LORD, your Creator, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!
- **Move from _____ to family**

Ephesians 4:4-6 *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:15-16 speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

- **Move from destitute to _____**
1 Corinthians 12:26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if *one* member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

3. Fellow Partakers of the _____ – Our Blessing

Ephesians 3:6 *to be specific*, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

- Promise of Salvation – John 3:16
John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- Promise of Security
Ephesians 1:13-14 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.
- Promise of abundant life
John 10:10 I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.
- Promise of Christ's return
Acts 1:11 This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.
- Promise of our home in Heaven
John 14:3 If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.

How does what we have as believers affect your identity?

- Are you a Christian?
- If so, are you focused on who you really are and what God has given you?
- How will this focus change how you live this week?