

Lift Up Your Eyes

Eph 1: 11 & 3: 1-2, 7-8 & 12



A. Prisoner, Lift up Your Eyes! Eph 3: 1-6

1. Our Identity - Prisoner of Christ Jesus: Eph 3: 1-2



Eph 1: 11 “According to the purpose of him (God).”



Philip Zimbardo - prison experiment..

2. The Gift: Eph 3: 2-5



**Stewardship (gift)
consists of explaining
“the mystery” of God.**

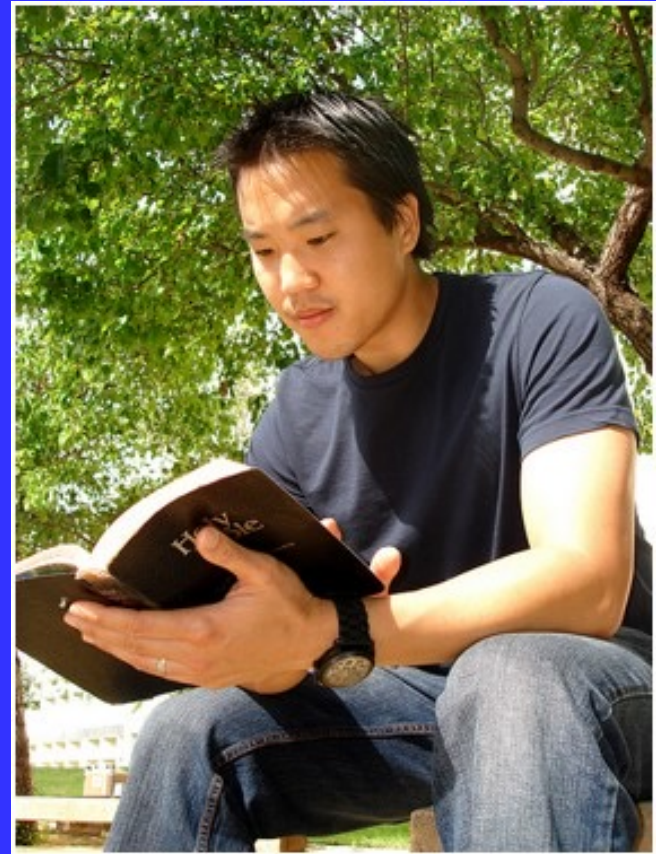


3. Substance of the Revelation: Eph 3: 6

We become “fellow heirs” – equal members of God’s family.

We are of the “same body” - equal standing with all other members of the family.

We are “partakers of His promise” – We all share the Gospel of Jesus Christ on equal terms.



B. Overwhelming Privilege: Eph 3: 7-11

1. Minister of Christ: Eph 3: 7-8

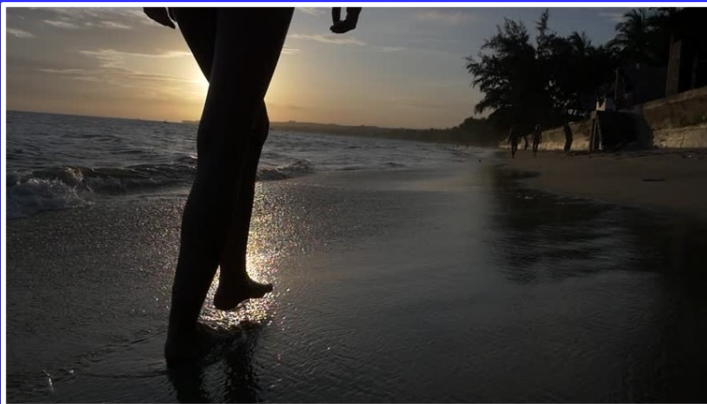
“By the effective working of His power.”

‘Working’ in the Greek, from which we get our word ‘energy’.



Composer Haydn

“Unsearchable Riches of Christ”



Unsearchable - cannot be trekked around by human footprint.



2. Make known the message: Eph 3: 9-10.

“To make all to see what is the fellowship of mystery.”

To see: to cause light to shine upon an object.

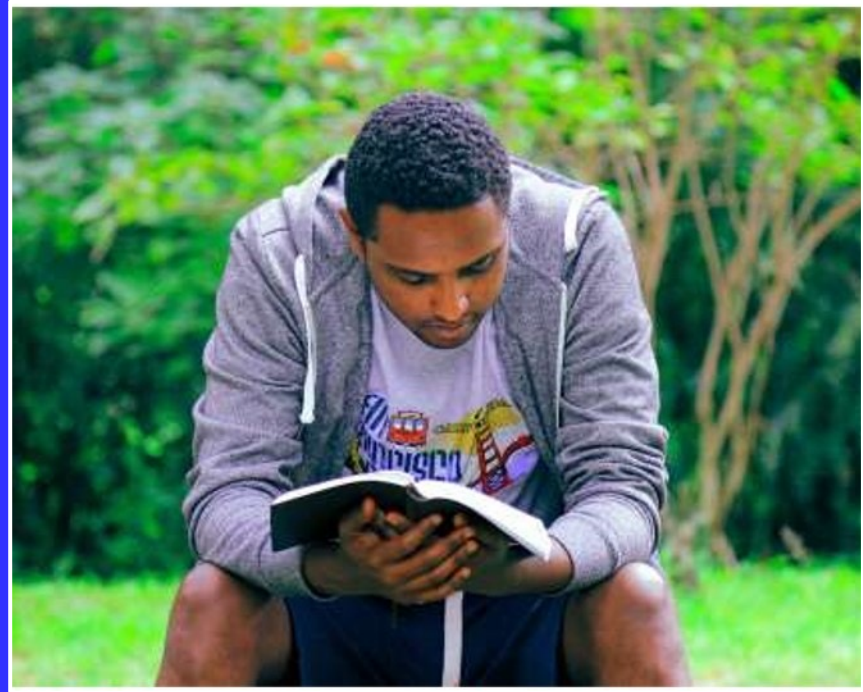


“Manifold wisdom”: multi-coloured, an infinite diversity of sparkling beauty.

C. Fellowship with God: Eph 3:11-13

“Boldness”
(courage) ‘freedom of speech’ : no obstacle for prayer.

‘Access’ : freedom of approach we have to Father God.



‘Confidence’: the idea of successful action or outcome based on the fitness of the person entrusted to manage the request.

Conclusion: Lift up your eyes.

