



“The Church Is A Brotherhood”

Ephesians 3
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To help us remember the metaphors Paul uses in Ephesians to describe the church, memorize this phrase: The Church is a...

B _____ **of B** _____ **-B** _____
B _____ **B** _____.

At the beginning of chapter 3, Paul takes a little detour. How so?

Paul’s Imprisonment (vss.1-13)

In these verses he shares 4 things that blow his mind:

1. Vs. 2 – His _____ & _____
What word does Paul almost always use to describe his conversion and his call to ministry?
2. Vss.3-6 – Paul was one of the first to understand the full arc of salvation history that includes both _____ & _____.
What word does Paul use 3 times in this paragraph?
3. Vss. 7-10 – The _____ is God’s Plan-A for bringing this lost world back to him.
4. Vss.11-13 – God wants to use _____ to help fulfill his eternal plan.

Paul’s Prayer (vss.14-21)

In these verses he shares 4 things that blow his mind:

1. Vss. 14-15 – Whenever I doubt that God cares for my one little solitary life, what do these verses says to me?
2. Paul’s prayer teaches us that there are at least 3 ways we can pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ:
 - Pray For God To Strengthen One Another From The _____.
 - Pray For God To Root And Ground Us Into _____.
 - Pray For Us To Be Filled With All The _____.
3. How do these requests circle back to the idea of the Church being a brotherhood or family? How many of these things that Paul has prayed for can we do on our own?
4. Do I believe that God can do ‘far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine’ in our church? In my life?