Welcome to Network Church 歡迎來到 網絡教會

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Ephesians 3:8-13

⁸Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. ¹²In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. ¹³I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory. (NIV)

以弗所書 三:8-13

8雖然我比眾聖徒中最小的還小, 他還賜我這恩典,讓我把基督那測 不透的豐富傳給外邦人。今又使眾 人都明白甚麼是歷代以來隱藏在創 造萬物之神裏的奧祕。10為要在現 今藉著教會使天上執政的、掌權的 知道神百般的智慧。11這是照著神 在我們主基督耶穌裏所完成的永恆 的計劃。12我們因信耶穌,就在他 裏面放膽無懼、滿有自信地進到神 面前。13所以我求你們。 不要因我 為你們所受的患難喪膽; 這原是你 們的光榮。(和合本修訂版)

The Context 經文背景

"This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 3:6 (NIV)

「就是外邦人在基督耶穌裏, 藉著福音,得以同為後嗣, 同為一體,同為蒙應許的 人。」

以弗所書 3:6 (和合本修訂版)

Ephesians 以弗所書 3: 8-13

- How is Gods manifold wisdom made known through the church?
 - 上帝百般的智慧如何透過教會彰顯出來?
- Through the uniting of Jews and Gentiles in the Gospel
 - 猶太與外邦人基督徒在福音裡的合一
- And all of us as we display Gods goodness and grace in us, enabled by the Holy Spirit 我們每一個也可以藉聖靈的能力彰顯上帝的愛與恩典

John 約翰福音17:20-21

²⁰ I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,²¹that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

(NIV)

²⁰我不但為這些人祈求,也為那 些藉著他們的話信我的人祈求, ²¹使他們都合而為一。正如父你 在我裏面,我在你裏面,使他們 也在我們裏面,好讓世人信是你 差我來的。

(和合本修訂版)

Ephesians 以弗所書 3:8-13

- We reveal the heart of God through our relationships
 - 我們透過彼此關係去彰顯上帝的心
- He is Father, Son and Holy Spirit

 · W是聖父,聖子和聖靈
- We demonstrate His manifold wisdom in the Church as we bring ourselves in our differences
 - 我們透過彼此之間的異同彰顯上帝百般的智慧在教會中
- Like the facets of a diamond 彷似一顆鑽石之多面

Who are we demonstrating it to? 我們向誰展現上帝百般的智慧?

"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms"

(Ephesians 3:10, NIV)

為要在現今藉著教會使天上執政的、掌權的知道神百般的智慧。

(以弗所書3:10,和合本修訂版)

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