

**BEYOND COMPREHENSION**

STRETCH – Part 1

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**Ephesians 3:1-19**

“For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles.” Ephesians 3:1 (NIV)

“Surely you have heard about the administration of God’s grace that was given to me for you,” Ephesians 3:2 (NIV)

“that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.” Ephesians 3:3 (NIV)

“In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, [v.5] which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God’s holy apostles and prophets.” Ephesians 3:4,5 (NIV)

“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)

I Corinthians 15:1-4

**We need to...**

**1. Understand that** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Galatians 3:8

“I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s grace given me through the working of his power.” Ephesians 3:7 (NIV)

“Although 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,” Ephesians 3:8 (NIV)

“and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.” Ephesians 3:9 (NIV)

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, [v.11] according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Ephesians 3:10,11 (NIV)

“In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.” Ephesians 3:12 (NIV)

“I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.” Ephesians 3:13 (NIV)

“For this reason I kneel before the Father, [v.15] from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.” Ephesians 3:14,15 (NIV)

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,” Ephesians 3:16 (NIV)

“so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, [v.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,” Ephesians 3:17,18 (NIV)

**2. Understand** \_\_\_\_\_.

“and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:19 (NIV)

John 3:16; 15:13; Romans 5:5,8; Romans 8:31-39; I John 4:8,19

• **Accept** \_\_\_\_\_.

• **Stop** \_\_\_\_\_.

• **Stop** \_\_\_\_\_.

• **Embrace** \_\_\_\_\_.

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