

## Knowledge for Maturity

Ephesians 2:10–13 (NKJV)

**10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,** which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**11 Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles** in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—

12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

**13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**

Ephesians 3:2–7 (NKJV)

2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation/stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you, - Gentiles

3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already,

4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),

**5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:**

6 **that the Gentiles** should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His **promise** in Christ through the gospel,

**promise: a verbal commitment by one person to another agreeing to do (or not to do) something in the future.**

7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

The importance of Paul is only that he is a chosen vessel of God, what's more important is that God is using Paul to reveal God's purpose which He is accomplishing through a fuller knowledge of the Christ

Ephesians 3:16–21 (NKJV)

16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,**

17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, **being rooted and grounded in love,**

18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—

19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

being rooted and grounded in love may be able to grasp what the bible as a whole has to tell us of God's working to bring us to maturity let your knowledge of God be fleshed out by understanding His word

20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 4:1–6 (NKJV)

1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,

2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,  
3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as 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 above all, and through all, and in you all.

Ephesians 4:11–16 (NKJV)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 **for the equipping of the saints** for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

13 **till we all come to the unity of the faith** and of the **knowledge** of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

14 **that we should no longer be children**, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

15 but, speaking the truth in love, **may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—**

16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the **effective working by which every part** does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Ephesians 4:17–24 (NKJV)

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,

18 **having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them**, because of the blindness of their heart;

19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But you have not so learned Christ,

21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,

23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.