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*God's Most  
Glorified in Us  
When We're Most  
Satisfied in Him.*

Next Week: We join the Apostle Paul in his most powerful prayer. And the joy for God's glory in us, is that Paul is praying for the church, that's us. May the Lord Christ strengthen you this week. Love in our Savior, Pastor Geoff

## 7. Our Mission for This Week

### *Ephesians 3:11*

"This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord." And:

### *Ephesians 3:13*

"So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory."

God has given grace to Bellefield to the degree that we love missions. To our amazement as "least of all the saints," He has us join Him in His eternal purpose realized in Christ Jesus our Lord. So this week's mission: let us seek someone out ask them if they will let us tell them about how God has poured grace into our lives through the Lord Jesus Christ. If they listen and do not care, well, "don't lose heart."



That everyone may hear.

Worship God  
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# Fall Focus on *Ephesians*

Today's Sermon Helps

## "So I Ask You Not to Lose Heart"

### Today's Sermon Moves

1. Paul had trouble finding God;
2. People today have trouble finding God;
3. So how can you trust what you know of God?
4. Christ reveals Himself to Paul;
5. Christ reveals Himself to people today;
6. How can we find God?
7. In Jesus Christ: our mission for this week.

### *Ephesians*

3:1-13

The last verse of chapter 2 reads, "In Him [Christ Jesus Himself] you also are being

built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." Here is our first and chief identity as Christians—not first as individuals, but



The Holy Spirit does this.

first as the dwelling place of God by the Spirit, meaning His church, the family of God. And Jesus is our living cornerstone.

### Paul Begins a Prayer for Us All

His prayer will ask that we be filled with the presence of Christ & be able

to grasp the truth about His love & power (3:14-21). Then he backs up!

## 1. Paul Had Trouble Finding God

**In 1 Corinthians 15:9, Paul said he was “unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.”**

**Ephesians 3:4-6**  
“When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of



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Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs... through the gospel.”

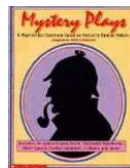
## 2. People Today Have Trouble Finding God

**Ephesians 3:2-3**  
“assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for

you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.”

## 3. How Can You Trust What You Know of God?

**Ephesians 3:4**  
“When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which



The mystery revealed.

was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed....”

## 4. Christ Reveals Himself to Paul

**Ephesians 3:7**  
“Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace,



Jesus preached & called Paul to.

which was given me by the working of His power. To me, though I am the least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.”

## 5. Christ Reveals Himself to People Today

**Ephesians 3:9**  
“And to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created

all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known....”

**“Who was the one who told you about Christ? How did you come to hear of Him?”**

## 6. How Can We Find God?

**Eph. 3:11c-12**  
“Christ Jesus our Lord, in Whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.” God builds His church, nurtures His church



In Christ, you can be bold.

& hears His church. We seek Him & He creates confidence & boldness in us about Him.