

Week 16

ALL

Ephesians 3:4-6

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What Paul writes in Ephesians 3 is groundbreaking!

Up to this time, "God's people" only included the Jews. That's it! To suggest otherwise was unthinkable. And that is exactly what Paul is doing in Ephesians 3. He declares that God has had a mysterious plan that He has not revealed to previous generations. And this is that plan: now both Jews and Gentiles can be children of God.

Why was this a big deal in the early church? Those who were God's people were circumcised, and there was debate over whether

This declaration is life-changing for those of us who are not Jews. God now says that ALL people are able to believe the Good News and become His children. In previous chapters we saw that God had predestined some to be His children, so is this a contradiction? No.

Paul is simply saying here that all who "*believe the Good News*" now includes Gentiles as well. There was disunity in the church because

Question: Are you fearful of accepting God's call because you feel unworthy? How can you confidently serve God?

Walk it Out: The next time someone compliments you for doing the work that God has called you to do, reply with a simple, "Thank you." Then take a moment to thank God for his grace and mighty power.

Prayer: Dear God, I am so blessed to be called your daughter and to be chosen to serve You. Thank you. Please transform me to walk in confidence and humility in all that You have called me to do.