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# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER

**The Standards of Revelation  
Ephesians 3:6–7**

**Eph. 3:1, “For this reason I, Paul, the  
prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—”**

**Τούτου χάριν, *toutou charin*;  
“for this reason”**

**Eph. 3:13, “Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.”**

**ἐγκακέω *enkakeō*  
pres act inf,  
become tired, lose  
heart, become  
discouraged**

**θλίψις *thlipsis* fem  
plur dat  
trouble, tribulation,  
oppression,  
suffering**

**Rom. 8:28, “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.”**

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## **Paraphrase**

**God made known to me according to the standard of [divine] revelation the mystery ... which was not made known to the human race as it has only now been revealed by the Holy Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets.**

- 1. God made something known to Paul.**
- 2. What was made known was called a “mystery,” something never before revealed, but was God’s closely guarded secret.**
- 3. The way it was made known, was “according to the standard of revelation.”**



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**ἀποκάλυψις *apokalupsis* fem sing gen  
revelation; disclosure, unveiling**

# **What the Bible Teaches About**

## **Divine Revelation**



# 1. Key words

**ἀποκάλυψις *apokalupsis* revelation;  
disclosure.**

**ἀποκαλύπτω *apokalyptō*, uncover,  
disclose, reveal; the opposite of cover  
up, conceal.**

**γνωρίζω; *gnōrizō*; to make known,  
Eph. 3:5, 10**

**Revelation discloses information which  
is necessary to correctly understand  
and interpret the events of our lives.**

**2. Some information is only knowable through revelation, and not available through reason, thought, logic, or empirical analysis. 1 Cor. 2:9–15**

**3. God kept this a secret from all since the creation of the world.**

**Rom. 16:25, “Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began.”**

**4. Revelation is given by means of or through the Holy Spirit.**

**Eph. 3:5, “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:”**

**4. This was revealed to the apostles and prophets, Eph. 3:5.**

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***σύν* *sún*; with, together with**

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**Eph. 2:5, “even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),**

**Eph. 2:6, “and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”**

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**Rom. 8:17, “and if children, then heirs—on the one hand, heirs of God, but on the other hand, joint heirs with Christ if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” [~RD]**

- 1. What all believers have in common—  
heirs of God.**
- 2. Believers with additional rewards and inheritance—joint heirs with Christ.**

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**Gal. 3:27, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.**

**Gal. 3:28, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**

**Gal. 3:29, “And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”**

**Eph. 3:6, “that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,”**

**Eph. 3:7, “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.”**