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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—”**

Toύτον 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

θλῖψις *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.

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fellow participants of ..., joint partaker

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

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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.”

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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.”