



A Series in Ephesians
The Gospel Experience
(Part 2)

04/21/2024 – EPHESIANS 3:7-13

EMMANUEL CHINESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

go off on a tangent

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to suddenly start talking about something unrelated to the original subject



**In the middle of our work conversation,
Barry went off on a tangent about his
daughter's basketball game.**

Last Time



- ▶ The Gospel requires us to exercise sacrifice
- ▶ The Gospel requires us to receive help from God to understand it
- ▶ The Gospel requires us to be inclusive of others

This Time



- ▶ The Gospel is the centerpiece of God's commission to us
- ▶ The Gospel is a revelation of God's sovereignty in the world
- ▶ The Gospel is a result of God's faithfulness to us

Ephesians 3:7-13



7 Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. 8 To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, 10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. 13 So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.



The Gospel Is The
Centerpiece Of God's
Commission To Us



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“διάκονος”

2 Corinthians 3:4-6

“4 Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, 6 who has **made us sufficient to be ministers of a new covenant**, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.”



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Ephesians 3:10



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Global Trends As Of 2020



In 1900, twice as many Christians lived in Europe than in the rest of the world. Today, the Christian population in Europe has a flat growth rate, while Africa and Asia continue to experience dramatic growth. Currently, almost 640 million Christians live in Africa and 604 million in Asia, while 544 million call Europe home.

While there are more than twice as many unevangelized people alive today than 100 years ago, they represent a smaller number than ever before. In 1900, more than half the world's population was unevangelized (54.3%). In 2020, that percentage has decreased to 28.3%.

Currently, Christianity is the only religion with more than 2 billion followers. In the next five years, Islam will cross that threshold. Hinduism recently topped 1 billion. By 2050, Christianity will be the first to reach 3 billion. More than 3.4 billion people will be Christians then, according to the Gordon Conwell projections.

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Ephesians 6:12



12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the **rulers**, against the **authorities**, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places



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Ephesians 3:11-13



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Jesus our Lifeline



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Conclusion