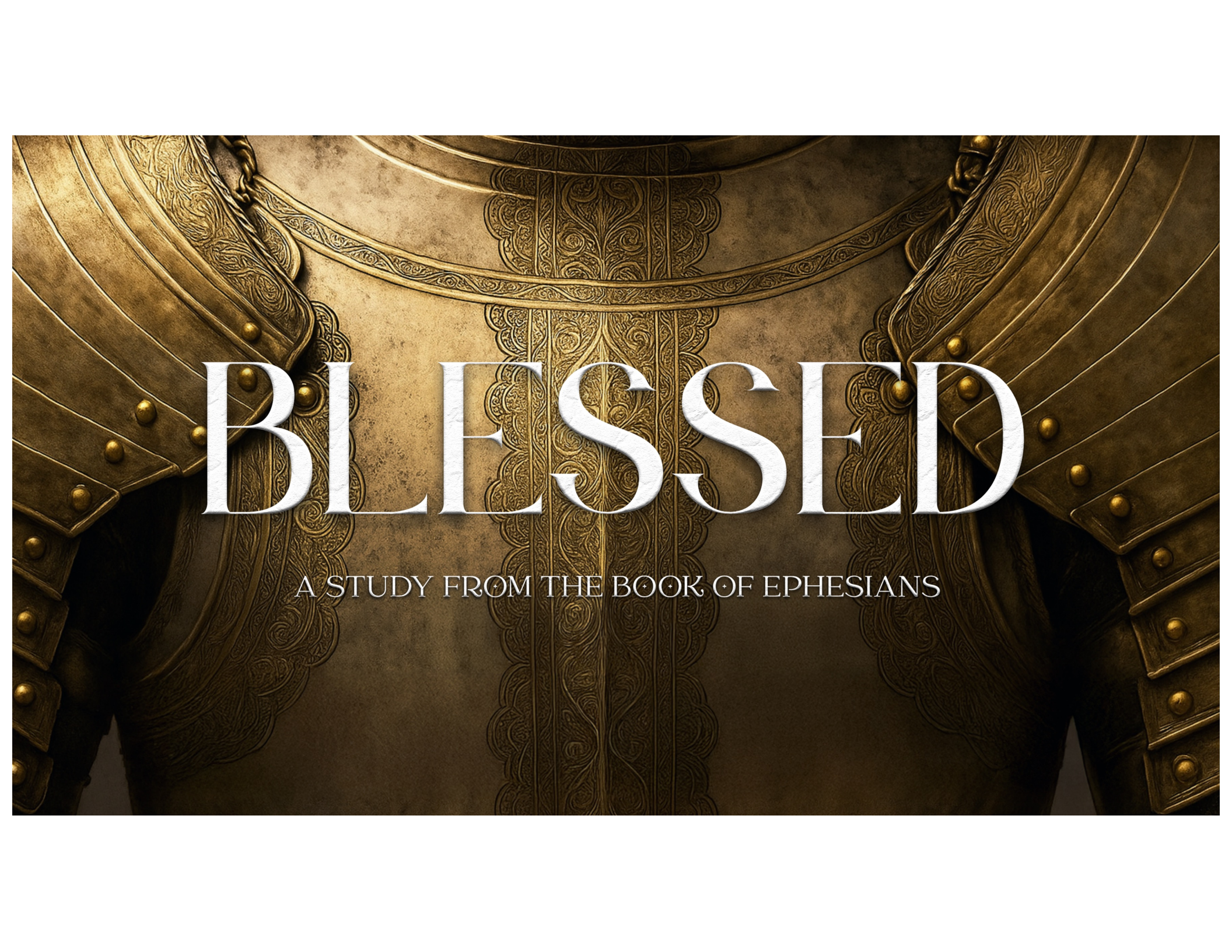




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Ephesians 3: 1-13

¹ FOR THIS REASON I, PAUL, THE PRISONER OF CHRIST JESUS FOR THE SAKE OF YOU GENTILES — ² SURELY YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATION OF GOD'S GRACE THAT WAS GIVEN TO ME FOR YOU, ³ THAT IS, THE MYSTERY MADE KNOWN TO ME BY REVELATION, AS I HAVE ALREADY WRITTEN BRIEFLY. ⁴ IN READING THIS, THEN, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND MY INSIGHT INTO THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST,

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Ephesians 3: 1-13 (cont'd)

⁵ WHICH WAS NOT MADE KNOWN TO PEOPLE IN OTHER GENERATIONS AS IT HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED BY THE SPIRIT TO GOD'S HOLY APOSTLES AND PROPHETS.
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¹¹ ACCORDING TO HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE THAT HE ACCOMPLISHED IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. ¹² IN HIM AND THROUGH FAITH IN HIM WE MAY APPROACH GOD WITH FREEDOM AND CONFIDENCE. ¹³ I ASK YOU, THEREFORE, NOT TO BE DISCOURAGED BECAUSE OF MY SUFFERINGS FOR YOU, WHICH ARE YOUR GLORY.

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Fact #1 - The Mystery of God Defined (vs. 1-6)

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Fact #1 - The Mystery of God Defined

1. This mystery is important to Paul
2. This mystery is important to the Gentiles
3. This mystery is important to the angels
4. This mystery is important to all believers today

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Fact #1 - The Mystery of God Defined

Fact #2 - The Ministry of God Declared (vs. 7-9)

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Two Major Things About Paul

1. A Servant of the gospel (vs. 7)

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Fact #3 - The Manifold Wisdom of God Displayed (vs. 10-12)

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Fact #4 - The Message of God Delivered (vs. 13)

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FOR YOU, WHICH ARE YOUR GLORY.

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Take-A-Ways

1. God's hidden plan of salvation has been revealed. Anyone can be saved!
2. God's grace not only saves us, it calls us and equips us for ministry.
3. God's church is a "display" of His grace and glory to the world.
4. Suffering for Jesus is never wasted!

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