

MINISTER GRACE UNTO THE HEARERS

- There is someone in your space
- Your **tongue is a** Identifier of your faith

The Gentiles were very much part of this plan as God loves everybody. Paul prayed that the plans that God had for them would be revealed to them. ... Paul concludes Ephesians Chapter 3 by mentioning that he prays that Christ, and the church will always bring glory to God because He can do more than anyone can even imagine.

WHAT DOES MINISTER GRACE MEAN?

We can all think of that **person who is encouraging** and **refreshing** to be around. There is just something about their manner that uplifts our spirit and makes us wish **we could be a little more like them**. Perhaps even as you read this, someone you know has already come to mind.

Ephesians 3:7-8

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**.

PURPOSE OF THE MYSTERY

⁸To me, who am **less than the least of all the saints**, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.

LET NO CORRUPT COMMUNICATION

Ephesians 4:29

²⁹ Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT PROFANITY?

Paul warns us in Ephesians 4:29: “**Do** not let any unwholesome (filthy) **talk** come from your mouth, but only what is **good for building someone up** in need.” Then he **says** in Ephesians 5:4 “Nor should there be any obscenity, foolish **talk** or crude joking, which are out of place.”

POWER OF THE TONGUE

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life *are* in the **power of the tongue**, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

YOU ALSO WERE WITH JESUS OF GALILEE

Matthew 26:69-71

⁶⁹ Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.”

⁷⁰ But he denied it before *them* all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.”

HE DENIED WITH AN OATH

Matthew 26:71-74

¹ And when he had gone out to the gateway, another *girl* saw him and said to those *who were* there, “This *fellow* also was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

⁷² But again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man!”

⁷³ And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, “Surely you also are *one* of them, for your speech betrays you.”

⁷⁴ Then he began to curse and swear, *saying*, “I do not know the Man!”

DO NOT LOSE HEART AT MY TRIBULATIONS

Ephesians 3:9-13

⁹ and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ¹⁰ to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, ¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him. ¹³ Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

QUESTION: WHY IS GRACE CONSIDER A MYSTERY?

APPRECIATION OF THE MYSTERY

Ephesians 3:14-17

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love.

BE FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD

Ephesians 3:18-21

¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you **may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

²⁰ Now to Him who is **able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask** or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.