

## Identity 11: Ephesians 3:10-21

Every invisible authority and government in the arena of the heavenlies now witnesses the display of the wisdom of God. The church acts like the prism that disperses the varied magnitude of God in human form. In Jesus Christ, our Master the timeless pre-determined thought of God is poetically realized ([Eph. 3:10](#)).

Let's read this in the NKJV.

### **Ephesians 3:10-11 (NKJV)**

<sup>10</sup> 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*,

<sup>11</sup> according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Some have interpreted the principalities and power in the heavenly places to refer to the fallen angels and evil spirits in heavenly places. The enemy is the "prince of the power of the air." Air refers to OUR ATMOSPHERE, which is considered the FIRST HEAVEN. Most, however, place his realm in the second heaven. But in the Greek it is the first heaven and the earth that he rules.

Others interpret this scripture as applying to heavenly angels of God. The Wuest translation says that the "Church thus becomes the university for angels, and each saint a professor. Only in the Church can the angels come to an adequate comprehension of the grace of God. They look at the Church to investigate the mysteries of redemption. Listen to the Passion translation:

"And why did he do this? So that every throne and rank of angelic orders in the heavenly realm would have unveiled before their eyes God's full and diverse wisdom revealed through his loving plan for the church."

The notes state that the angels investigate through our lives the treasures of grace like the cherubim gazed upon the mercy seat. Since the word "heavenly" can refer to any part of the heavens from our area all the way to God's heaven, I believe both can apply. We are GOD'S INSTRUMENT DISPLAYED BEFORE EVIL POWERS TO REMIND THEM WHAT GOD HAS ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD and WE ARE GOD'S PROFESSORS TO THE ANGELS REVEALING THE TREASURES OF GRACE AND SALVATION. **Do you see the importance of making sure you are CORRECTLY displaying the grace of God through apostolic doctrine and results?!** If the enemy sees that you do not understand an area, HE WILL COME AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU IN THAT AREA. And the angels will be left wondering how on earth you can believe

some of the things you do that even they know are contrary to the character of God. In fact, what you believe can either **ACTIVATE THEM** or **DEACTIVATE THEM** in your life!

JESUS IS THE PREDETERMINED THOUGHT OF GOD. Francois alludes to the table of showbread in the tabernacle and later temple.

### **Exodus 25:30 (NKJV)**

<sup>30</sup> And you shall set the showbread on the table before Me always.

Showbread literally means "bread of presence" or "bread of face." This bread was to be before God's face always, at all times. Jesus stated in [John 6](#) that He is the Bread from Heaven. [John 1:1-3](#) states that in the beginning was the word and the word was God. Jesus the Christ has always been before the Father's face as His beloved Son both before a Man, while a Man, and now as seated at the Father's right hand. The mystery of the trinity is that three distinct Persons of God are in such unity they operate as One and are one God. This is what tripped up the Israelites. To them God was One and for a man to say He was God in the flesh was blasphemy. To the Muslim, this is also blasphemy. It is beyond their scope of understanding that God would humble Himself and become Man. NOW WE CARRY THIS BREAD OF PRESENCE WITHIN US AND WHEN WE GO BOLDLY BEFORE HIS THRONE, HE SEES THE LORD IN US. The idea is scandalous to the Jew but nevertheless truth.

His faith in us gives our lives integrity. We echo and articulate the original conversation publicly. He is our platform to a global audience ([Eph. 3:12](#)).

The church acts like a PRISM THAT DISPERSSES the multifaceted wisdom of God. WE ECHO AND ARTICULATE THE ORIGINAL CONVERSATION PUBLICLY. He is our platform. What does this mean? Before the foundation of the world, both the Father and the Son had a conversation on the Son becoming flesh to rescue mankind, which would bring about the utter and final destruction of the enemy, a most brilliant plan. This conversation has been made public by our faith in Christ AS WE DISPLAY HIM AND THE GOOD NEWS TO ALL.

### **Matthew 22:41-46 (NKJV)**

<sup>41</sup> While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

<sup>42</sup> saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "*The Son of David.*"

<sup>43</sup> He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him '*Lord,*' saying:

<sup>44</sup> '*The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool"* '?

<sup>45</sup> "If David then calls Him '*Lord,*' how is He his Son?"

<sup>46</sup> And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

The enemies David referred to are the spiritual enemies of Satan and his kingdom that influence men in the earth. In order to destroy Satan forever, God initiated a plan that culminates in Christians (little Christs) methodically expanding God's dominion until every enemy is soundly defeated at the Lord's return with the enemy being thrown into the lake of fire after his parole and the last enemy of death being destroyed forever. The corruption of the enemy in heaven and later earth will be forever dealt with to never happen again. This plan is so incredibly complex and yet simple that it can boggle the mind. AND WE ARE A PART OF IT!

Integrity means "the state of being whole, undiminished." His high opinion of us and belief that through the Holy Spirit we can do all things brings wholeness. IF NO ONE ELSE EVER BELIEVED IN YOU, CHRIST DOES. The NKJV says that in Him we have BOLDNESS AND ACCESS WITH CONFIDENCE" to God. Boldness means FREEDOM OF SPEECH" and access is "THAT FRIENDLY RELATION TO GOD WHEREBY WE ARE ACCEPTABLE TO HIM AND HAVE ASSURANCE THAT HE IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARDS US." **WE CAN BE BOLD BECAUSE JESUS IS OUR PLATFORM.** Not the Jesus religion has fashioned but the JESUS THAT IS ATTRACTIVE TO SINNERS!

One definition of platform is "a body of principles on which a person or group takes a stand in appearing to the public." It's the good news of the kingdom. IN THE KINGDOM, SICKNESS IS DEFEATED. IN THE KINGDOM, LACK IS DEFEATED. IN THE KINGDOM, ANXIETY IS DEFEATED. These are ATTRACTIVE things to the unbeliever. But don't forget that in order to be a citizen repentance and belief are required. Giving the results without the requirements results in partial belief. DELIVER A STRONG GOSPEL AND GET STRONG BABIES.

With all of this in mind, Paul says, "You have no reason to feel embarrassed or responsible because of what I am suffering; rather feel honored! Overwhelmed by what grace communicates, I bow my knees in awe before the Father" ([Eph. 3:13-14](#)).

Jesus is the answer to the sin problem; therefore, spending time in jail for communicating this grace inspires awe and honor for Paul. He didn't want his tribulations to discourage or weaken the believers. His tribulations were of value to them! To think that God chose him, a Pharisee who was persecuting Christians, to communicate this incredible God plan to Gentiles filled Paul with gratitude! ASK YOURSELF WHAT YOU ARE COMMUNICATING? Anger? Pushiness? Rebellion? Or good things like love? Peace? Healing? Happiness? DO SINNERS FEEL CRITICIZED AND JUDGED BY YOU? OR DO THEY FEEL GOD'S

LOVE AND DESIRE TO ACCEPT THEM INTO HIS FAMILY? **Be honest. It appears that Christians hold sinners to a standard of being born again even though they are not and its impossible for them to act like they are! And yet in the church we let Christians get away with all kinds of stuff under the guise of forgiveness.**

Paul's written reflections to the Ephesians inspires one of the greatest prayers.

Every family in heaven and on earth originates in Him; His is mankind's family name and He remains the AUTHENTIC IDENTITY OF EVERY NATION ([Eph. 3:15](#)).

Real quick I want to point out that God is AFTER NATIONS. In [Matthew 28:19](#), Jesus said to "Go therefore and make disciples out of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This is done by multiplication as led of the Spirit and through signs and wonders. For example, Jesus reached the Samaritans by a word of knowledge to an insignificant woman of bad reputation. Later Phillip reached all of Samaria due to the Lord's previous groundwork. IT IS GROUP EFFORT AS WE ALL DO OUR PART THAT MAKES DISCIPLES OUT OF NATIONS. **And interestingly, America is an example of disciples making a nation.** The idea of God being the originator of every family in heaven (angelic) and on earth (human) is in the sense of CREATOR not in the sense of salvation. YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN.

I desire for you to realize what the Father has always envisaged for you, so that you may know the magnitude of his intent, and be dynamically reinforced in your inner being by the Spirit of God. This will ignite your faith to fully grasp THE REALITY OF THE INDWELLING CHRIST. You are rooted and founded in love. Love is your invisible inner source, just like the root system of a tree and the foundation of a building. (The dimensions of your inner person exceed any other capacity that could possibly define you.) Love is your reservoir of super human strength which causes you to see everyone equally sanctified in the context of the limitless extend of love's breadth, and length, and extremities of its dimensions in depth and height. I desire for you to become intimately acquainted with the love of Christ on the DEEPEST POSSIBLE LEVEL; far beyond the reach of a mere ACADEMIC, INTELLECTUAL GRASP. Within the scope of this equation God finds the ultimate EXPRESSION OF HIMSELF IN YOU. We celebrate him who supercharges us powerfully from within. ([Eph. 3:16-19](#)).

This prayer is incredible. Paul is asking the Father to give us revelation of what He has always envisaged for us and his intent for us, which will then DYNAMICALLY REINFORCE OUR INNER BEING BY HIS SPIRIT. **I.e. as we come**

**to realize who we are in Christ and our identity, OUR FAITH WILL BE IGNITED TO FULLY GRASP THE REALITY OF CHRIST IN US!** This reality the early church grasped and it is what caused them to operate in such miracles and with such authority. The NKJV says "according to the riches of HIS glory." HIS glory is the WHOLE REVEALED PERFECTIONS OF GOD. Paul is praying that nothing short of THOSE PERFECTIONS OF GOD WHICH ARE REVEALED NOW BE REAL IN THEIR LIVES! It is this glory through which we are strengthened. Paul then reveals the purpose of the strengthening: THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS. This is not referring to the initial salvation experience of inviting Christ into your heart. The word DWELL means TO LIVE IN AS A HOME and TO SETTLE DOWN AND BE AT HOME. The Greek tense shows FINALITY.

Dr. Max Reich once said in the hearing of the writer, "If we make room for the Holy Spirit, He will make room for the Lord Jesus." That is, if the saint lives in conscious dependence upon and yieldedness to the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit will make room for the Lord Jesus in the heart and life of the saint by eliminating from his life things that are sinful and of the world, and thus enable the saint to make the Lord Jesus feel completely at home in his heart. Wonderful condescension of heaven's King, to be content to live in a believer's heart and have fellowship with him.

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It is a deep relationship of intimacy. It is the baptism of the Spirit that has been tested (like Jesus in the wilderness leaving with power).

This trust here is not a trust in the Lord Jesus as Savior, but, having believed on Him as Savior, the saint is now to believe on Him as the One who fills with the Spirit, or grants the fullness of the Spirit, as Paul puts it in his prayer here.

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Being rooted and grounded in love is the RESULT OF THE STRENGTHENING BY THE SPIRIT AND THE SETTLING OF THE LORD IN OUR HEART. It is this inner spiritual condition that enables us to comprehend and to know. THIS MEANS THAT IF CHRIST HAS NOT BEEN ALLOWED TO PERMANENTLY SETTLE IN YOUR HEART DUE TO INCORRECT DOCTRINE, PAST TRAUMA AND WOUNDING, AND REBELLION, YOU WILL NOT COME TO KNOW THE DIMENSIONS OF HIS LOVE IN FULLNESS.

This comprehension is the idea of SEIZING SOMETHING TO MAKE ONE'S OWN. It is the idea of mentally grasping some idea or truth that becomes revelation. Academic means "theoretical or hypothetical; not practical, realistic, or directly

useful." Once this revelation of His love is grasped that brings EXPERIENTIAL RESULTS, YOU ARE THEN FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD!

One is reminded of the words of that saint of old who penned the following lines on the walls of his cell regarding the love of God; "Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made; were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade; to write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry; nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky."

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Our biggest request or most amazing dream cannot match the extravagant proportion of his thoughts toward us. He is both the author and conclusion of the glory on display in the EKKLESIA, mirrored in Christ Jesus. The encore continues throughout every generation, not only in this age but also in the countless ages to come. Amen! [Eph. 3:20-21](#).

Thus, Paul says that God is able to do super-abundantly above and beyond what we ask or think, and then some on top of that.

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There is a condition so to speak. THE OPERATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN HIS WORK OF SANCTIFICATION AND THE POWER OPERATING IN US IS DETERMINED BY THE YIELDEDNESS OF THE BELIEVER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**The saint determines what God can do for him or her.** In the Wuest it says, "in the measure of the power which is operative in us." Operative means "TO BE EFFECTIVE, PRODUCE AN EFFECT." According means "to the degree."

God will confront things in your life that for a little while will have you feeling a bit discombobulated. You might have some emotion turmoil and stirrings on the inside. You might wonder what else you don't know or are mistaken in. But if you yield to Holy Spirit and allow Him to do what He is trying to do, you will enter into a new level of understanding and power as Christ can settle down even more securely in your heart!