



8 To me—less than the least of all the saints—this grace was given, to proclaim to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ  
9 and to enlighten everyone about God’s secret plan—a secret that has been hidden for ages in God who has created all things. 10 The purpose of this enlightenment is that through the church the multifaceted wisdom of God should now be disclosed to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly realms. 11 This was according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and confident access to God because of Christ’s faithfulness. 13 For this reason I ask you not to lose heart because of what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. 14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on the earth is named. 16 I pray that according to the wealth of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner person, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, so that, because you have been rooted and grounded in love, 18 you may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and thus to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. 20 Now to him who by the power that is working within us is able to do far beyond all that we ask or think, 21 to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Manifold Wisdom Of God

1. Why did Paul consider himself “less than the least of all the saints”?
2. According to Ephesians 3:9, what was the purpose of Paul’s preaching?
3. What is the “multifaceted wisdom of God”?
4. What is the “eternal purpose” mentioned in Ephesians 3:11?
5. According to Ephesians 3:12, what has Christ given us?
6. How was “every family in heaven and on the earth” named in Christ?
7. How does Christ *dwell* in our hearts?
8. How does the “love of Christ” pass all knowledge?
9. How does God “do far beyond all that we ask or think”?
10. How does God receive “glory in the church and in Christ Jesus”?