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“Confidence During Difficulty”
by Pastor Dan Stockum



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Ephesians 3:1-21

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,

Ephesians 3:1-21

³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.

⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,

Ephesians 3:1-21

⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

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⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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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.

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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,

Ephesians 3:1-21

⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan
of the mystery hidden for ages in God,
who created all things,

Ephesians 3:1-21

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.

Ephesians 3:1-21

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.

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¹³ So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

Ephesians 3:1-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven
and on earth is named,

Ephesians 3:1-21

¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

Ephesians 3:1-21

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts
through faith—that you, being rooted
and grounded in love,

Ephesians 3:1-21

¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

Ephesians 3:1-21

¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:1-21

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

Ephesians 3:1-21

²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.



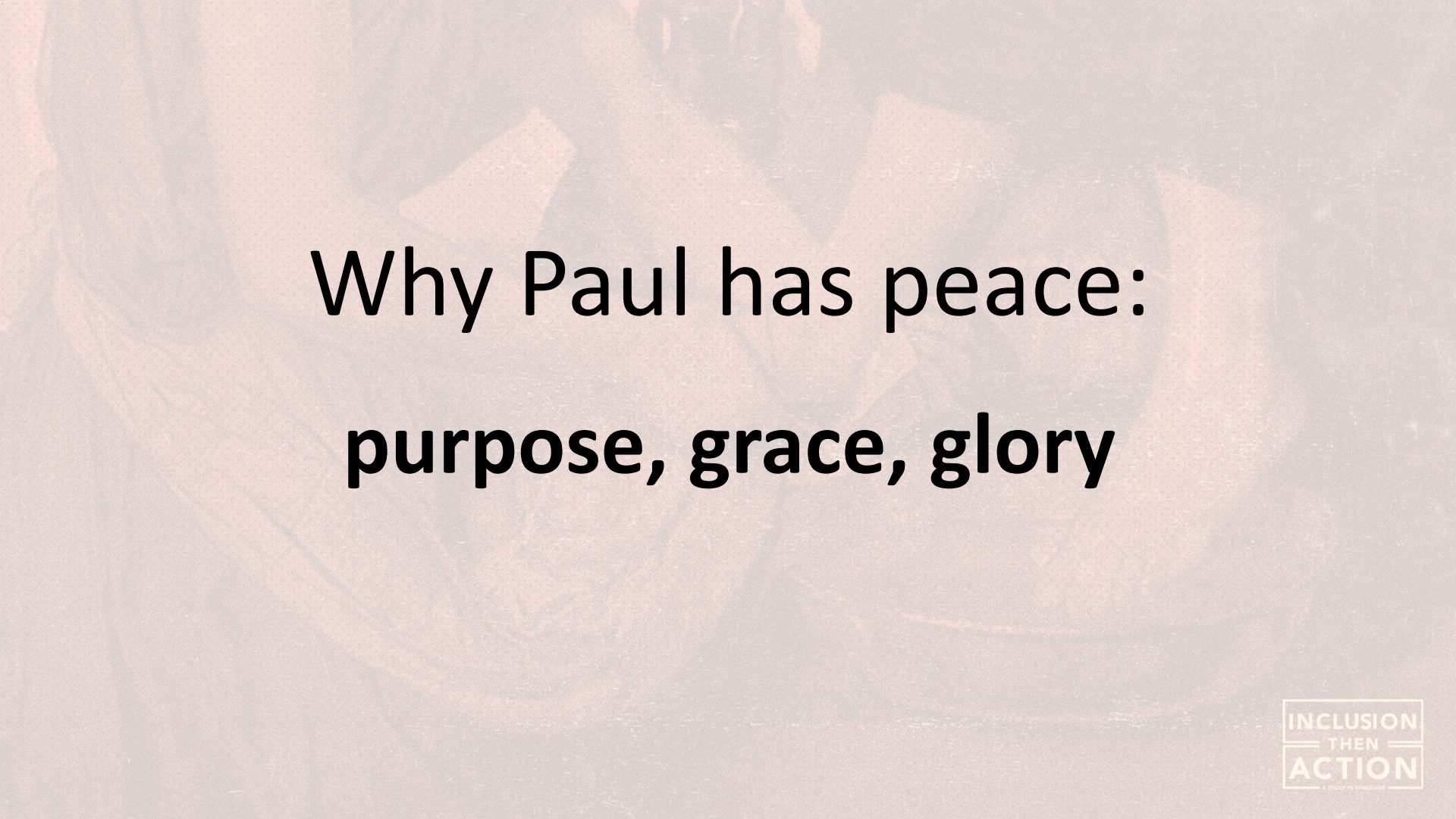
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The cause of their distress:

**Paul is in prison
even though he obeyed God**



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Why Paul has peace:
purpose, grace, glory



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Why Paul has peace:

1. Purpose: He sees his situation as God's plan.
2. Grace: He sees his assignment as a gift of God's grace.
3. **Glory: He sees his situation as an opportunity for God's glory.**



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How the Ephesians can find
peace as well:

**fervently pray for and seek an
experience of God**



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