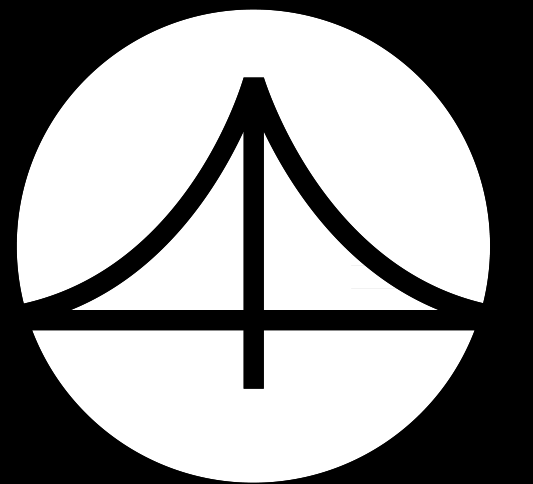


# Ephesians: No Second Class Christians

Ephesians 3:1-13



**There are no second class Christians.**

- Past Inequality
- Present Equality
- God's Plan

# Past Inequality

- It was easy for Paul's audience to think of Gentiles as second class Christians
- God's revelation is the grounds for seeing all Christians as equal

# Present Equality

- Mystery - God's plan that was hidden in the past, but has now been shown to us
- Jews and Gentiles (and therefore all Christians) are fully equal and enjoy the same rights and privileges
- Paul says if we insist on a hierarchy among Christians, he belongs at the bottom

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# God's Plan

- God's plan - to use the church to let His enemies know how wise He is
- The church isn't God's backup plan, it has always been His Plan A
- So: We have a job to do (and it requires us to make the church a priority in our lives)
- So: We need help (which comes through prayer)
- So: We need endurance (which requires perspective)

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