

Paul's Missionary Call to the Ephesians

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Wait, where is missions in the Epistle to the Ephesians? Answer: Exactly!

(This might be the strangest missions message COD has ever had...!)

So, what *is* in Paul's letters, and here in Ephesians in particular? And how does this relate to missions?

1. Paul's heart for missions is found in the message and structure of his letters.

a. What is Ephesians about?

It's a Re-unity thing (Eph 1:9-10).

b. How is Ephesians structured?

Indicative (chapters 1-3) + ***Imperative*** (chapters 4-6).

2. Paul's heart for missions is found in the prayers of his letters.

The two prayers of Ephesians:

a. Eph 1:15-23. What is the "indicative reality" Paul is seeking for them?

ANSWER:

b. Eph 3:14-21. What is the "indicative reality" Paul is seeking for them?

ANSWER:

3. Going deep with your new identity is about leaning into the Spirit's mission. Where is the ***Spirit*** in Ephesians?

a. Spirit Indicative:

i. Sealing (1:13)

ii. Granting Access (2:18)

iii. Revealing (3:5) our reunification identity in Christ.

b. Spirit Imperative:

i. Don't grieve Him (4:30).

ii. Be filled with Him (5:18).

4. Join the Spirit in His mission to you.

a. Pray, like Paul does, to know your identity in Christ.

b. Learn the Spirit's voice from the Word. Obey his voice when you hear it.

c. Get skilled in practicing your identity (Hebrews 5:13).

In short, it's about learning to **Be Who You Are**. And Paul knows the more you know and live your "in Christ-identity", the more missions will look to you like it does to God! That's missions in Ephesians (and every one of Paul's other letters, too).