

CrossWinds Church - EFCA

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*For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
Ephesians 3:1 (ESV)*

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, Ephesians 3:14 (ESV)

Six Reasons Why Ministry Is Worth The Sacrifice

1. God has a good purpose in the tough times.

*For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
Ephesians 3:1 (ESV)*

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. James 1:2–4 (ESV)

“Christ suffered, not that we might not suffer, but that when we suffer, we will become like him.” - Elizabeth Elliott

2. I am getting the gospel to others like someone did for me.

*For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, Ephesians 3:1–2 (ESV)*

3. The only way people can know Jesus is if the church tells them.

how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 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. 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. Ephesians 3:3–6 (ESV)

A mystery is a fact about reality that can not be discovered by investigation and research but it needs to be supernaturally revealed by God.

4. It is a gift to serve in the church even in the most humbling ways.

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. Ephesians 3:7 (ESV)

5. The privilege of serving is the opposite of what I am deserving.

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 3:8 (ESV)

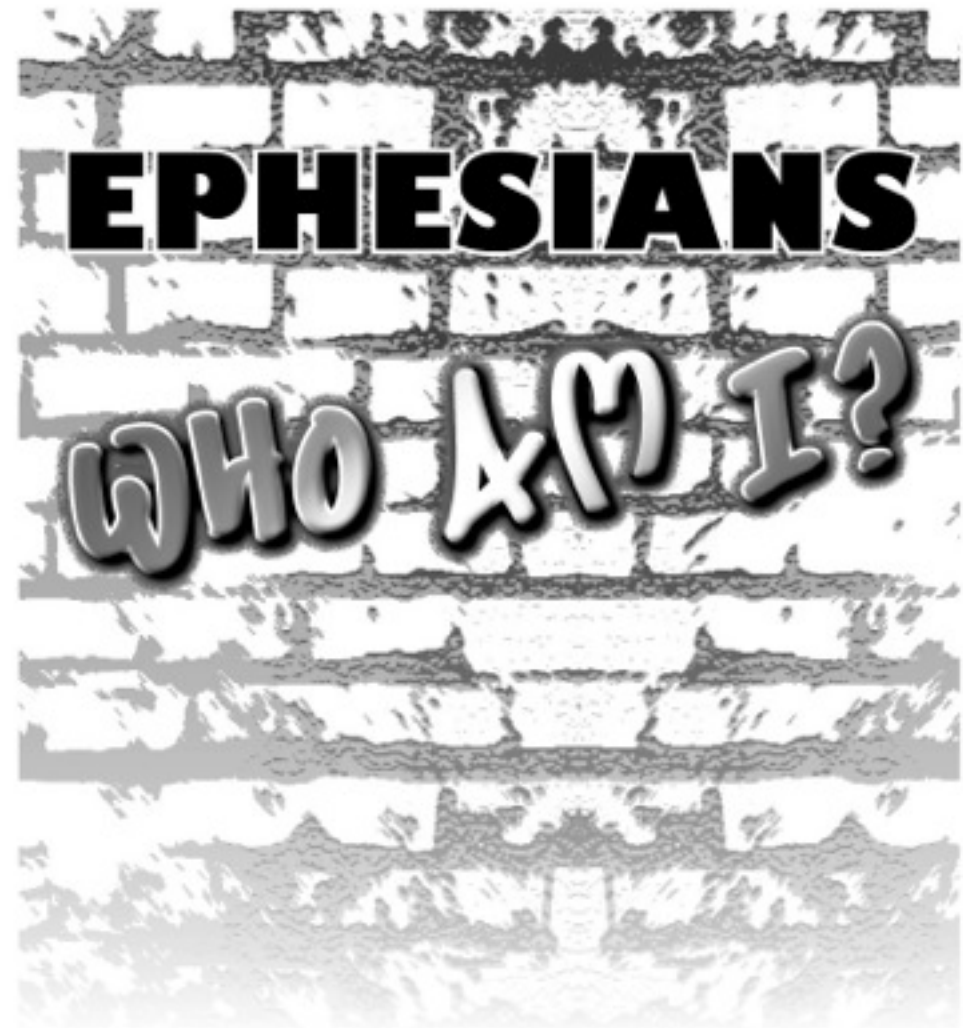
6. The church has cosmic significance.

and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, 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 3:9–10 (ESV)

7. Conclusion

So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. Ephesians 3:13 (ESV)

When ministry at CrossWinds is hard, remember
it is worth the sacrifice!



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