Questions on Ephesians chapter 3

1. Was Paul literally a prisoner in Rome when he wrote to the Ephesians? If he was, why didn’t he refer to himself as the prisoner of Nero? Verse 1.

2. How did Paul’s imprisonment help Gentiles? Verse 1.

3. Is Paul expressing doubt when he says “if so be that ye heard”? Of what did Paul’s dispensation (or stewardship) consist? Verse 2.

4. By what means was the mystery made known to Paul? Where had Paul already told them “in few words”? Verse 3.

5. May we expect God to put his truths directly into our minds? How do we come to understand Paul’s knowledge of the mystery of Christ? Verse 4.

6. Did Adam, Abraham, Moses or other Old Testament saints know about God’s plan of salvation? How did the apostles and prophets of the New Testament learn about it? Verse 5.

7. In what three things are the Gentiles now “fellows” with the Jews? Did they share in the promise by becoming Jews or in some other way? Verse 6.

8. According to what two things was Paul made a minister? Verse 7.

9. Why did Paul consider himself “less than the least of all saints”? Are the riches of Christ called unsearchable because they are confusing or for another reason? Verse 8.

10. What was Paul to make all men see? Where had the mystery been hidden? Verse 9.

11. What are the principalities and powers in heavenly places? Through what is the wisdom of God made known? Verse 10.

12. Was the church just an afterthought or a stop-gap measure? Who is the central figure in God’s eternal purpose? Verse 11.

13. Should we not approach a holy and just God with fear and trembling? What is it that gives us boldness and access with confidence toward God? Verse 12.

14. What did Paul ask the Ephesians not to do because of his tribulations? For whom were Paul’s tribulations? What were his tribulations to them? Verse 13.

15. What were some of the things that gave Paul cause for prayer on behalf of the Ephesians? In what physical position did Paul pray? Verse 14.

16. How many families does God have (as in the King James Version)? Who makes up the family of God? Verse 15.

17. Paul prayed that God would grant the Ephesians to be strengthened according to what? Through what are we strengthened with power? Verse 16.

18. What is the “inner man”? How does the Spirit strengthen the inner man? Verse 16.

19. How does Christ dwell in us? In what are we to be rooted and grounded? Verse 17.

20. What are the four dimensions of the Christian faith? Verse 18.

21. What is it that passes knowledge? To what degree are we to be filled? Verse 19.

22. Who is it that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think? Verse 20.

23. What is ascribed to God and how long will it endure? Verse 21.