

## **SERMON NOTES**

**“Encouragement for Those Who Suffer for the Gospel”**

**Ephesians 3:1-13**

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### **Structure of the Text:**

- “For this reason...” (3:1)
- Digression about “a prisoner for Christ” (3:12-13)
- “For this reason...” (3:14)

**1. Paul was suffering for the gospel when he wrote this letter. (1)**

**2. But Paul chose to look at suffering for the gospel through the lens of God’s grace. (2-12)**

**What God in his grace has given us:**

**A. New insight into his plan (3-6)**

**B. The privilege of sharing the life-changing message of Christ (7-9)**

**C. The opportunity to participate in the Church (10-11)**

**D. Unlimited access to God’s presence (12)**

**3. (*Big Idea*) The grace of God keeps us from discouragement when we suffer for the gospel. (13)**