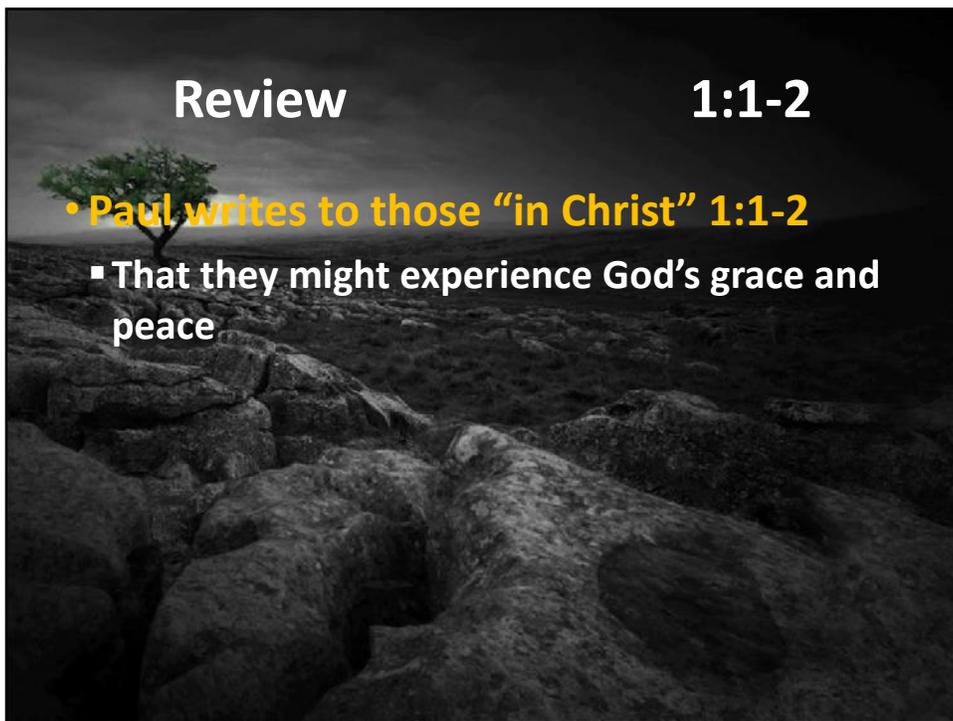


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- **Did you have sibling rivalry?**
 - When your sibling received attention was it at your expense?
- **If you had a second or third child, did they replace the significance of the first?**
 - Did you love the second child at the expense of the first?

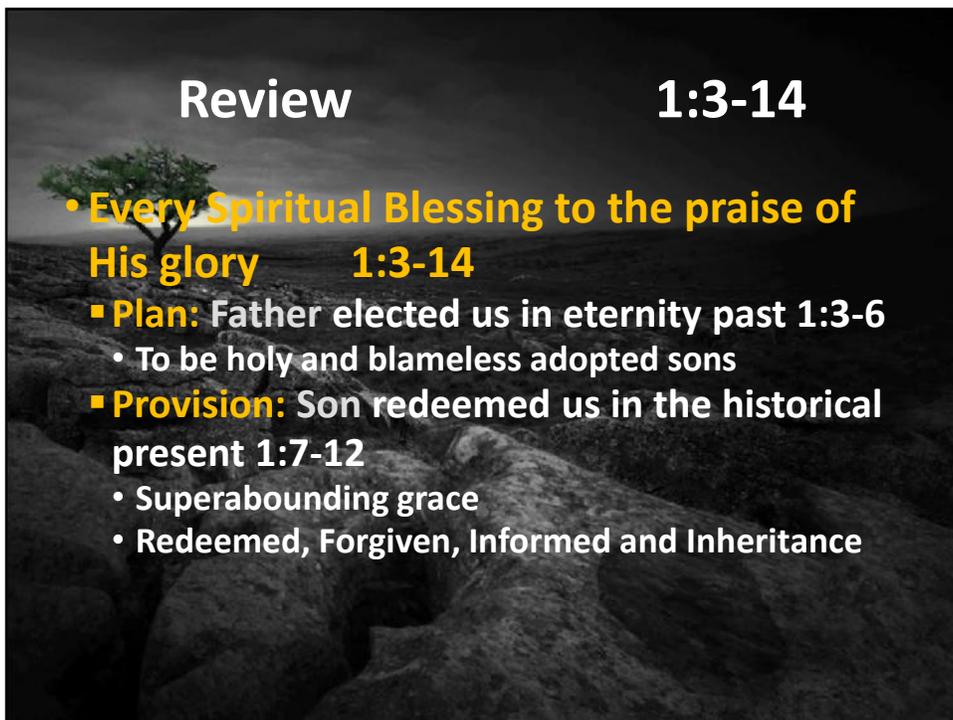
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- **If there are inherent differences**
- **or if there are contrasting or even contradictory personalities/cultures/backgrounds—what is required to maintain unity?**
 - #1 Love—a motivation greater than ourselves
 - #2 Purpose—purpose big than ourselves



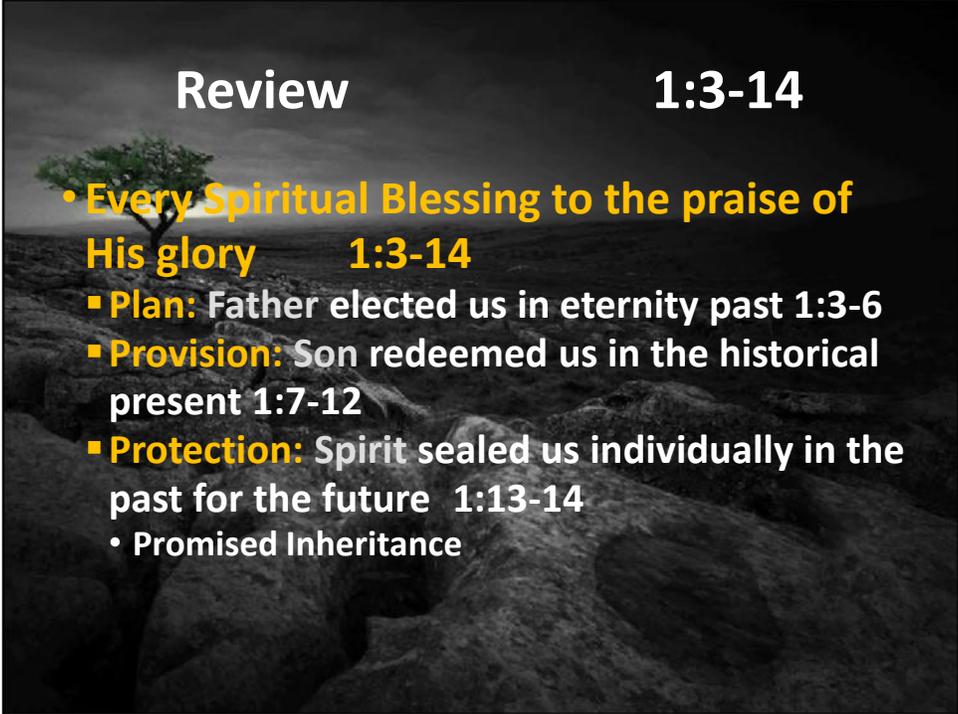
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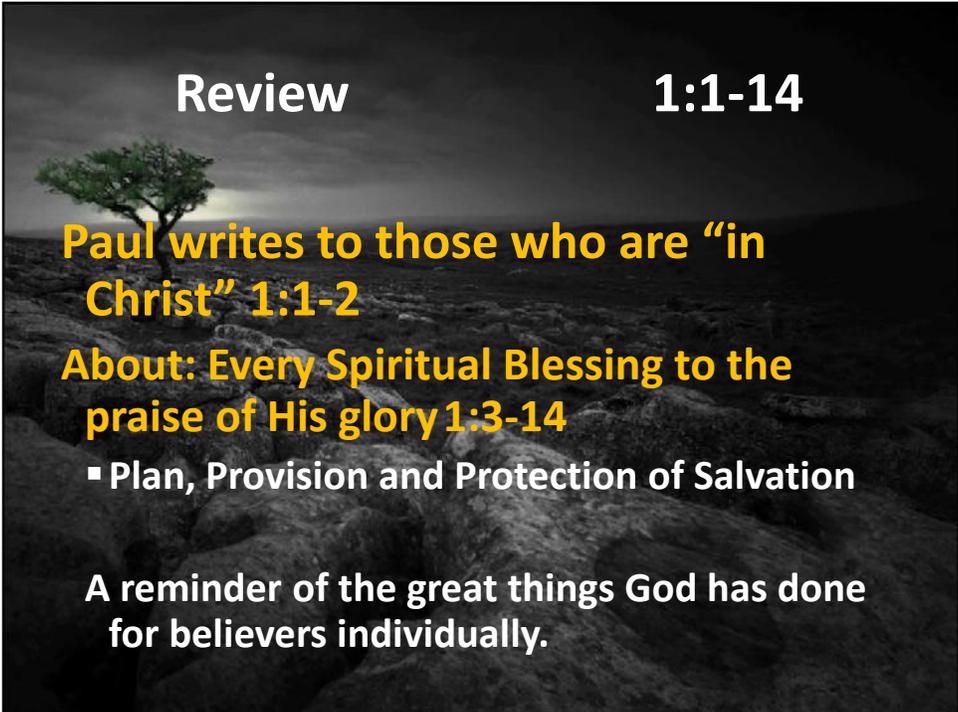
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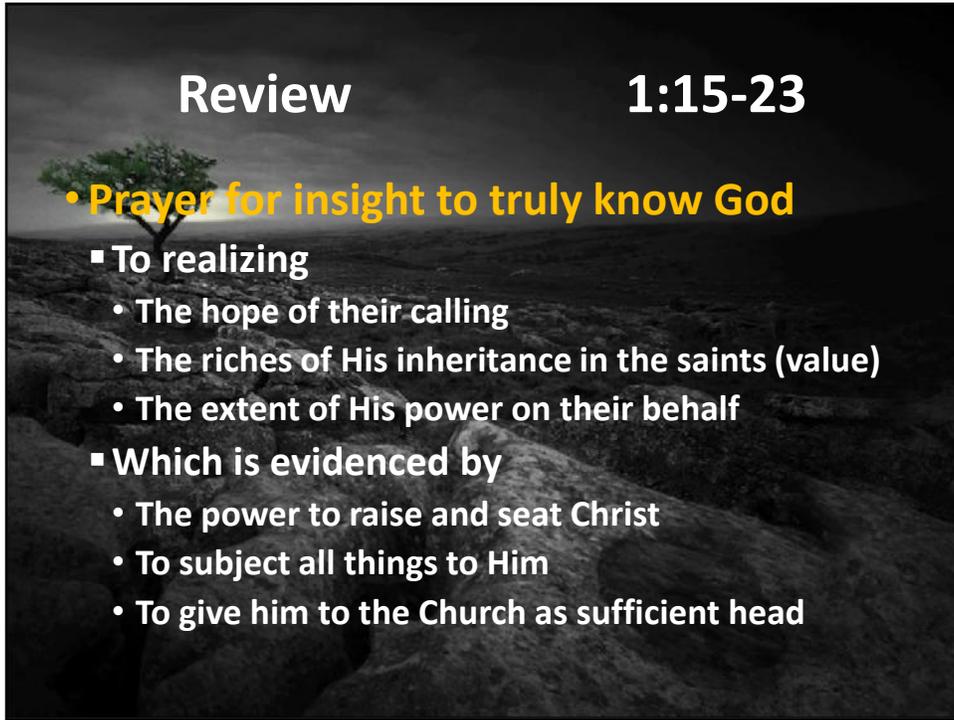
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- Plan, Provision and Protection of Salvation

A reminder of the great things God has done for believers individually.



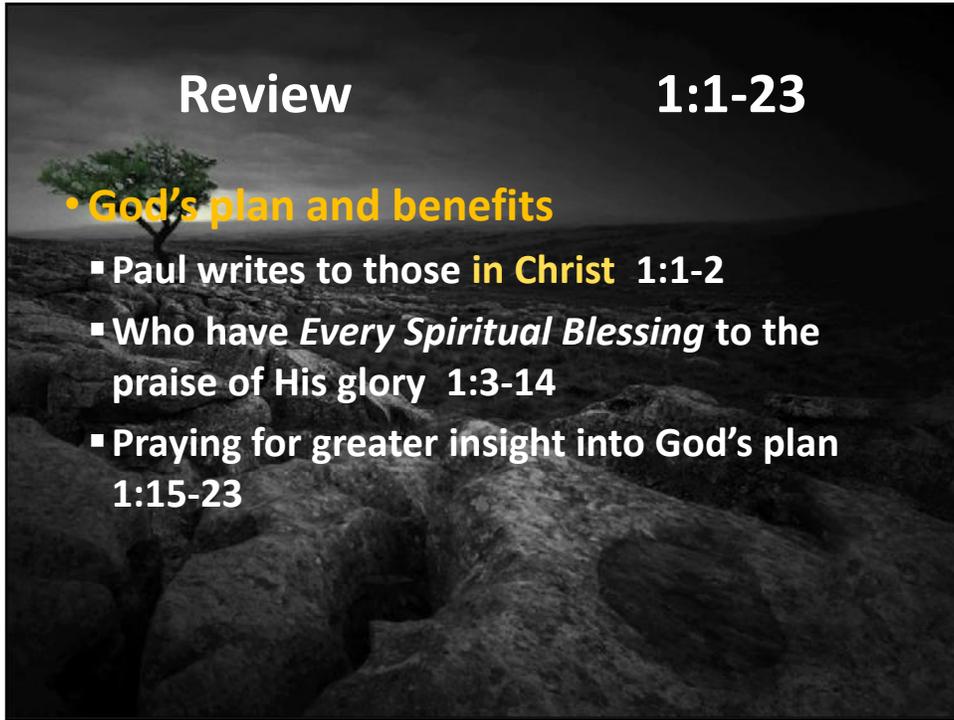
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- **Prayer for insight to truly know God**
 - **To realizing**
 - The hope of their calling
 - The riches of His inheritance in the saints (value)
 - The extent of His power on their behalf
 - **Which is evidenced by**
 - The power to raise and seat Christ
 - To subject all things to Him
 - To give him to the Church as sufficient head



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 - God's plan applied to individuals (2:1-10)
 - Everyman's condition apart from God 2:1-3
 - "But God"
 - ◇ Rich in mercy
 - ◇ Based on His grace provided a relationship with Him
 - ◇ Obtained through faith
 - ◇ For the purpose of revealing God's grace through actions



Review **2:11-22**

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2:1—3:13
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 - Now have been brought into one new entity (The Church)



Context: Big Picture

- **Day of Pentecost (Acts 2)**
 - The Spirit was poured out to fulfill Old Testament promises and to create a new people—The Church

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- **Isaiah 49:6** he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” (ESV)



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Old Testament	Teach that...
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Isaiah 11:10; 49:6; 54:1-3; 60:1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Messiah will come for the Gentiles
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joel 2:28-29	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Gentiles will receive the Holy Spirit

A Mystery?

- Does this mean the Gentiles have replace Jews/Israel?
 - No
- What the Old Testament does not teach?
 - Jews and Gentiles will be one entity (the Church)
- Does this mean that the promises made to Israel are revoked?
 - No

The Content of the Mystery 3:1-7

- Paul's prayer interrupted 3:1
 - See 3:13
 - 3:1 prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles
 - 3:13 do not lose heart over what I am suffering for you
 - and 3:14
 - 3:1 For this reason
 - 3:14 For this reason

Overview 3:1-13

4 Things Paul want to clarify or elaborate

1. His responsibility to make the mystery known
2. When and to whom this new revelation came
3. The content of the Mystery
4. The purpose or intended effect of the mystery

The Content of the Mystery 3:1-7

- Paul's prayer interrupted 3:1
- Paul's responsibility 3:2
 - Mystery
 - Not "mysterious" but unknown
 - What was previously unknown was revealed to Paul
 - It was not his own invention

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 - And... 3:10

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- Paul's Role 3:8-9
 - "The least of the saints"
 - ◇ Not false humility, true amazement
 - Preach to the Gentiles
 - The inexhaustible resource in Christ (Messiah)
 - Proclaim to All
 - The plan of God's unification
 - Purpose for the Church

The Proclamation of the Mystery 3:8-13

- **Paul's role is also our job description**
 - **Acts 1:8** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (ESV)
 - **Matthew 28:19–20** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (ESV)

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- **Paul's Role 3:8-9**
- **God's Goal, Our Purpose 3:10**
 - **Cosmic witness**
 - Grace and glory of God on display
 - Comfort to those bound by death and facing spiritual warfare
 - ◊ The presence of the church means the authority of the opposing rules is broken

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- **Our Benefits 3:11-12**
 - Access to the Father
- **Paul's perspective 3:13**

Summary

We are one!

- **What God wants to accomplish through the church is universal and cosmic in nature**
- **When God gives a task/mission He provides the enablement**