



## *Ephesians 3:6-7*

### Fellow Heirs of Gospel Promise

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### Key Concepts to Be Addressed

- Paul gives further explanation to what is now made known
- The concept of “one new man” of Jews and Gentiles dominates this section
- The promise of God in Christ is for Jewish and Gentile believers
- The gospel of grace also imparts the power of God for service
- The new covenant promise is knowing God, having forgiveness of sins

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### Sharers in the Promise

#### Ephesians 3:6 (LEB)

That the Gentiles are fellow heirs, and fellow members of the body, and fellow sharers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

- This continues to describe the “one new man” of Ephesians 2:15
- The Messianic promises of the OT are gospel promises

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### Empowered by Grace to Serve

#### Ephesians 3:7 (LEB)

of which I became a servant, according to the gift of God’s grace given to me, according to the working of his power.

- Paul’s ministry to serve was revealed to him by Christ (Acts 26:16)
- The “gift of the grace of God” empowers His servants to fulfill their ministry
- Grace is “sufficient” (2 Cor. 12:9)

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## Implications and Applications

- The promise of the gospel is for all who believe whoever they are
- God is still keeping His promises to Abraham
- The gospel promise is the forgiveness of sins

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## The Gospel Promise

### Romans 1:16 (NASB)

For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, for it is **the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

- Believers should not be ashamed but honored to be part of God's family
- The Lord is the one who makes believers part of His family (Hebrews 2:11)

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## God's Promised Blessings

### Genesis 12:2, 3 (NASB)

And **I will** make you a great nation, And **I will bless** you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a **blessing**; And **I will bless** those who bless you, And the one who curses you **I will** curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be **blessed**."

- Gen. 22:18 gives a promise of blessing to all the nations through Abraham's seed
- See Genesis 18:18 and Genesis 26:4

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## The Son of Abraham

### Matthew 1:1 (LEB)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, **the son of Abraham**.

- The term "genealogy" is lit. "genesis"
- God's promised blessing of Abraham is fulfilled in Christ (Galatians 3:13, 14)
- Those who believe the gospel are those who are blessed and have received "the Holy Spirit of promise" (Ephesians 1:13)

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## The Promise of Forgiveness

### Jeremiah 31:34 (NASB)

“They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

- See Jeremiah 31:31-33; This is the new covenant promise (Heb. 8:11, 12)

## The New Covenant

### Luke 22:19-20 (NASB)

And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**” And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup which is poured out for you is **the new covenant in My blood.**”