

# Ephesians 3:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

## Analysis

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**[Verse 3:8 text would be quoted here]** This verse in Ephesians chapter 3 addresses theological theme. Key Greek terms include to be determined.

The theological focus is doctrinal emphasis, demonstrating Paul's emphasis on the cosmic Christ and the church as His body/bride/temple. The phrase emphasizes union with Christ as the foundation of all spiritual blessings.

## Historical Context

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Written during Paul's Roman imprisonment (60-62 CE), this verse in chapter 3 reflects the circular letter's purpose to multiple Asian churches. Ephesus was a major center of pagan worship (Artemis cult) and early Christianity, making Paul's teachings on spiritual warfare and Christian unity particularly relevant.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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1. How does the truth of Ephesians 3:8 about verse-specific transform your daily walk with Christ?
2. What does this verse teach about theological theme that challenges modern Christian practice?
3. How can you apply the theological principle of doctrinal emphasis in your relationships and witness?

## Interlinear Text

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| ἐμοὶ             | τῷ      | ἐλαχιστοτέρῳ               | πάντων    | τῶν   | ἀγίων        | ἐδόθη                |       |
| Unto me          | G3588   | who am less than the least | of all    | G3588 | saints       | given                |       |
| G1698            |         | G1647                      | G3956     |       | G40          | G1325                |       |
| ἡ                | χάρις   | αὕτη                       | ἐν        | τοῖς  | ἔθνεσιν      | εὐαγγελίσασθαι       | τὸν   |
| G3588            | grace   | this                       | among     | G3588 | the Gentiles | that I should preach | G3588 |
|                  | G5485   | G3778                      | G1722     |       | G1484        | G2097                |       |
| ἀνεξιχνίαστον    | πλοῦτον | τοῦ                        | Χριστοῦ   |       |              |                      |       |
| the unsearchable | riches  | G3588                      | of Christ |       |              |                      |       |
| G421             | G4149   |                            | G5547     |       |              |                      |       |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Colossians 1:27** (References Christ): To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

**1 Corinthians 15:9** (Parallel theme): For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

**Ephesians 3:16** (Parallel theme): That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

**Ephesians 2:7** (Grace): That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

**Romans 11:33** (Parallel theme): O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!

**1 Timothy 2:7** (References Christ): Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.

**1 Timothy 1:13** (Grace): Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

**Galatians 1:16** (Parallel theme): To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:

**Romans 2:4** (Parallel theme): Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

**Acts 5:41** (Parallel theme): And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.