

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
Date: August 7, 2016
Ephesians 3:1-21

1. Paul says in 3:1, “For this reason I...” What is the reason that he does what he does?
 - a. Because Christ died to bring those who were dead in their transgressions to new life.
 - b. Because Christ took those who did not deserve salvation and turned them around to do the good works that were prepared in advance for them to do.
 - c. Because Christ reconciled Jew and Gentile, insiders and outsiders, into one people by faith in Him.
 - d. All of the above.

2. What does Paul do?
 - a. I don’t know, he kind of stops in the middle of the sentence and starts talking about something else (maybe this is where Pastor Pete learned to do that).
 - b. Uh...maybe that is why he has become an apostle...
 - c. Verse 14 seems to continue the sentence by telling us that he kneels before the father and prays for God to strengthen us with power through his Spirit!
 - d. All of the above.

3. What does Paul stop in the middle of his sentence to remind his readers, according to verses 2-13?
 - a. That God gave him the revelation of the mystery His grace to the Gentiles.
 - b. He is reminding us of the reason that he is a prisoner.
 - c. He wants them to know that God’s revelation to him was not because of his own worthiness, but because of God’s grace to him.
 - d. He stops because he realizes that reminding them of his imprisonment might not be an encouraging messages, so he wants them to know that it is all worth it because of the freedom that he, along with those to whom he has preached the message, are now able to experience.

4. Out of what, according to verse 16, does Paul pray that God would strengthen us? _____

5. Do you sometimes feel discouraged and begin to feel weak?
 - a. No, I’m pretty spiritual.
 - b. Yes, no matter how much I seek God, there seems to be temptation toward discouragement.
 - c. Yes, sometimes I feel like giving up.
 - d. Before you answer, remember that God is watching you!

6. What, according to verses 14-19, are the provisions that Paul prays will come from God for our weakness?
 - a. Being rooted and established in love.
 - b. Togetherness, with God’s holy people.
 - c. Understanding of the depths of His love.
 - d. Being filled to the measure of all of the fullness of God.

7. Don’t you want somebody to pray this sort of prayer to this sort of God for you? _____