

# “NEW SOCIETY”

A Journey Through Ephesians 2:11-3:21

The *Key Question* of ancient Ephesus: What kind of society will we be?

1. Ephesus was a society that worshipped Caesar.
2. Ephesus was a society of a few haves and a ton of have-nots.
3. Ephesus was a society of spectacles.

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## A. The New Humanity - Ephesians 2:22-11

1. New Family – The primary message of Paul’s gospel is that believing gentiles are incorporated into the same family with believing Jews. (2:11-13)
2. New Unity – This new humanity unites everyone everywhere. (2:14-18)
3. New Temple – This new humanity is the new dwelling place of God. (2:19-22)

## B. Paul’s Unique Privilege – Ephesians 3:1-13

1. Paul turns the tables on the Ephesian mysteries. (3:1-6)
2. Paul unveils the final mystery forever! (3:7-9)
3. We as the Church are not in the mystery business. (3:10-13)

## C. Confidence in God’s Power – Ephesians 3:14-21

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### Questions for Table Conversation

1. What difference does it make to experience Ephesians in a first century context?
2. How do we as the Church sometimes create “mysteries,” rather than making known the mystery of Christ?
3. The early church struggled with unity between Jewish and Gentile Christians. How does the church still struggle with unity today?

4. Paul's dying prayer was that the church might grasp God's love.  
How can our church become the most loving place in our city?