

## Jesus Our Victory Ephesians 3:8-13

### V.8:

"grace" = Paul's mission/message

The secret to Paul's effective ministry was his grasp of the truth that he was \_\_\_\_\_ and Christ is \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul's other titles:

- Least of the Apostles (1 Corinthians 15:9)
- Chief of Sinners (1 Timothy 1:15)

*"The entrance exam for Christianity is admitting you are a failure."*

- J.R. Briggs

V.9: Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.

### V. 10:

"manifold" = many-sided

God planned our salvation before the \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_.

"principalities and powers" = all demonic beings, including Satan

Also see Colossians 2:10

*(Jesus) ...having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and*

*powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it. – Colossians 2:14-15*

Also see Ephesians 1:19-23

There is \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of Jesus.

### VV.11-12:

"Access" to what? The \_\_\_\_\_ of God and \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

### V.13:

*"Our greatest fear should not be of failure but of succeeding at things in life that don't really matter." – Francis Chan*

A life lived for the glory of God is the only life of real \_\_\_\_\_.

If you want to be used by God, be prepared for a \_\_\_\_\_.

*"...before God can use a man greatly, He must allow him to be hurt deeply." – A.W. Tozer*

Also see 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

The degree to which you suffer is the degree to which God \_\_\_\_\_ you.

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." - Matthew 5:4*

You can't comfort somebody like Jesus, until you've been comforted yourself \_\_\_\_\_.

*We now have this treasure in clay jars. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. – 2 Corinthians 4:7*