



HEAVEN EARTH

Heaven on Earth: To See Forever

October 3rd & 4th

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Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-13

Series Overview

Our identity, our authority is anchored in a dimension of reality called heaven. It is the domain of God's dominion — perfect harmony, true identity, full authority. Every blessing is ours in the heavenly realm (Ephesians 1:3). Heaven is invading earth right here, right now. How? With a supernatural demonstration of God's love and power and wisdom. As citizens of heaven, we represent the heavenly realm. The goal? On earth, as it is in heaven.

Series Discussion Questions

How did you witness heaven invading earth this week?

Message Overview

We explore the Apostle Paul's thoughts as he hits the PAUSE button in his letter to his friends in Ephesus, now western Turkey. He reflects on his IDENTITY, DESTINY, and AUTHORITY from a vantage that is his alone.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

Take a moment to contemplate over a time in your life where everything changed. What comes to mind?

Paul begins this chapter addressing himself as *"the prisoner of Christ Jesus"*. What did Paul mean by being the prisoner of Christ Jesus? Do you identify with being a prisoner of Jesus?

Read Acts 9:11-18. In this passage, Dr. Foth brings out the tension that Ananias must have been feeling as he prayed and met Paul. Despite the tension, a miracle occurred following Ananias' prayer where immediately *“something like scales fell off of his eyes, and he could see again”* (vs 18). Have you ever experienced a 180-degree moment, when a blindness was utterly eradicated in your life? Describe a time that God showed up to reach you in a dramatic way.

Read Ephesians 3:10-12. Dr. Foth elaborates on the term *“manifold”* which simply means a variety of colors. Contemplate over the idea of “the manifold wisdom of God.” How would you describe God's manifold wisdom? Where can you see God's manifold wisdom being executed in the world today?

Practical Application

- List out a few names of people who showed up in your life like Ananias. Take some time this week to pray for them. You might feel the leading of the Spirit to send that person a letter, text, or some form of communication to let him or her know you are thankful for the role that he/she played in your life. Also, list out a few names that may view you as an Ananias in their life.
- Spend time in prayer and ask God to reveal the lies and barriers that keep you from coming to Him or bringing your full self (thoughts, emotions, feelings) to Him. Meditate on Hebrews 10:19-23, thanking God for His faithfulness.
- Find a daily rhythm of connecting with God and with one another by committing to [NCC Daily](#), a new five-minute audio podcast to help you walk verse-by-verse through the book of Ephesians. Invite a few others to do so with you, connecting throughout the week via Marco Polo or a group text, or meeting together online or in person to discuss and debrief what you're learning.
- Climb the stairs to the [Upper Zoom](#) each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7:14am. Join us as we start our days in His presence together, listening intently, and responding in prayer. Register at ncc.re/UpperZoom.