

Bereans Bible Institute
Module X – The Kingdom of God
Lesson 20 – The Kingdom in the Epistles

I. The Gentiles partake of the Jewish covenants and promises

A. brought harmony between Jew and Gentile not possible in the Law of Moses

B. the Gentiles not second class citizens in the new “body” (assemblies)

C. Paul was the Apostle to the Gentiles, and was entrusted with this special message.

1. The “Mystery” made known to Paul by special revelation (Eph. 3:1-9)

a. Gentiles would be “co-heirs” with Israel and “co-recipients” of the inheritance.

2. Jesus made known the “Mystery” to the other Apostles on the day of His resurrection (Luke 24), by explaining the OT prophecies and how they were about Him and His Kingdom.

3. Rom. 16:25 Paul’s Gospel was the same as Jesus’ preaching, according to the “revelation of the Mystery” was made known through “the prophetic Scriptures” (the prophets).

D. Eph. 1:17-18 Paul desired for the gentiles to know “*what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in [among] the saints*” – references to the Abrahamic hope.

E. Eph. 2:11-22 The Gentiles “fellow-heirs”

1. Gentiles brought near to the “commonwealth of Israel” and the “covenants of promise” (which include the inheritance in the Kingdom).

a. Rom. 11 the wild olive branches grafted in among the original branches of the olive tree (Abraham).

b. Acts 2:38-39 the promise was to the Jews and “all who are afar off” (Gentiles), joined in the same body and bound together by the same covenants (Abrahamic, Davidic, New).

F. Gal. 3:10-29

1. Vs. 14 Christ died so that the “blessing of Abraham” might come upon the Gentiles. The “blessing of Abraham” is the land inheritance (Deut. 28:1-4).

2. Vs. 16 The promises made to Abraham and his ‘Seed’ – who is Christ.

3. Vs. 17 The Law does not invalidate the eternal land inheritance of the Abrahamic Covenant which was by promise (unconditional).

4. Vs. 19-25 The Law was a temporary measure until the Seed (Christ) came.

5. Vss. 26 Baptism into Christ makes us 'Abraham's seed' and heirs of the Abrahamic inheritance.

G. Rom. 4:13 Abraham to be "heir of the world" includes Gentiles of faith.

1. Vs. 16, the promise to Abraham is to all the seed, not only Israel, but those baptized into Christ from the nations.

H. Heb. 6:11-19 the "hope" is the inheritance of the promises given to Abraham

I. Rom. 8:12-25

1. Vs. 17 we are co-heirs with the Son, the 'Seed' of Abraham.

2. Vs. 18 present sufferings pale by comparison to the glories of the Kingdom.

3. Vss. 19-25 Our hope is resurrection, realized when the whole creation is restored and the curse removed.