

Chapter 3

For witnessng the vocation of the Gentils, as being the Apostle of the Gentils, he is in prifon: 13. wherin the Gentils therefore haue caufe to reioyce, rather then to shrinke. So he faith, 14. and also praieth to God (who is Almightye) to confirme their inward man, though the outward be infirmed by perfecution.

For this caufe, I Paul the prifoner of IESVS Chrif, for you Gentils: ² if yet you haue heard the difpenfation of the grace of God, which is giuen me toward you, ³ becaufe according to reuelation the facrament was made knowen to me, as I haue wrien before in brieft: ⁴ according as you reading may vnderftand my wifedom in the myfterie of Chrif, ⁵ which vnto other Generations was not knowen to the fonnes of men, as now it is reuealed to his holy Apostles, and Prophets in the Spirit. ⁶ The Gentils to be coheires and concorporate and comparticant of his promife in Chrif IESVS by the Ghofpel: ⁷ wherof I am made a Minifter according to the guift of the grace of God, which is giuē

1. Cor. 15, 9.

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me according to the operatiō of his power. ⁸ To me the leaft of al the Saints is giuē this grace, amōg the Gētils to euangelize the vnfeacheable riches of Chrif, ⁹ & to illuminate al men what is the difpenfation of the facrament hidden ^{a)} from worlds in God, who created al things: ¹⁰ that the manifold wifedom of God, may be notified to the Princes & Potestates in the Celestials by the Church, ¹¹ according to the ^{b)}prefinition of worlds, which he made in Chrif IESVS our Lord. ¹² In whom we haue affiance and acceffe in confidence by the faith of him. ¹³ For the which caufe I defire that you faint not in my tribulations for you, which is your glorie.

¹⁴ For this caufe I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord IESVS Chrif, ¹⁵ of whom al paternitie in the

^a That is, *for euer before.*

^b That is *the eternal præfinition*

Heauens and in earth is named, ¹⁶ that he giue you according to the riches of his glorie, power to be fortified by his Spirit in the inner man. ¹⁷ Chrif^a)to dwel by faith in your harts rooted and founded ^b)in charitie, ¹⁸ that you may be able to comprehēd with al the Saints, what is the bredth, and length, and height, and depth, ¹⁹ to know alfo the charitie of Chrif, furpaffing knowledge, that you may be filled vnto al the fulnes of God. ²⁰ And *Ro. 16, 23.* to him that is able to doe al things more abundantly then we defire or vnderftand, according to the power that worketh in vs: ²¹ to him be glorie in the CHVRCH, and in Chrif IESVS, vnto al Generations world without end. Amen.

^a Chrif dwelleth in vs by his guifts, and we be iuft by thofe his guifts remaining and refident in vs, & not by Chriftes proper iuftice only, as the Heretikes affirme.

^b Not faith only muft be in vs, but charitie which accomplifeth al vertues.