

## Ephesians 3:8 - Exegetical

### **EPHESIANS 3:8**

**To me, the least of all saints, was**

ἐμοὶ τῷ ἐλαχιστοτέρῳ πάντων ἁγίων

**given this grace to the nations to**

ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις αὕτη τοῖς ἔθνεσιν

**(API 3<sup>rd</sup> p. s. of δίδωμι)**

**proclaim the unsearchable riches of**

εὐαγγελίσασθαι τὸ ἀνεξιχνίαστον πλοῦτος τοῦ

**(AMInf. of εὐαγγελίζω)**

**Christ.**

Χριστοῦ

### EPHESIANS 3:8 (exegetical)

1. The Apostle's evaluation of himself
2. An adverb "less" then we have an adj. "least" – He said: "I am LESS than LEAST"
3. This makes for us a "COINED WORD" which is not a word but if it could be a word it would be "LEASTER" JB Phillips renders: "Paul said: I am less than the least of all Christians." "THE VERY LEAST." What is he saying? "I am a murderer" "CRUEL" "MEAN" "AN ANTAGONIST" "UNWORTHY" "UNGODLY." Read [I Cor. 15:3-11](#); now read [II Cor. 12:10, 11](#).
4. "The least was given the most" – was given = API 3<sup>rd</sup> s. of δίδωμι
5. "GRACE" – reality of GRACE – WHY? Grace to Paul? NO – "GRACE to the GENTILES." "THAT" Inf. of purpose "I SHOULD PROCLAI – COMMUNICATE GOD'S MESSAGE TO THE GENTILES.

## James 1:20 (Continued)

6. WHAT WAS THE MESSAGE?" (Unlimited, in hausted, inscrutable, incomprehensible infinite riches – UNSEARCHABLE).
7. PAUL was to communicate EZ Information and the PASTOR'S TASK TODAY is to communicate this POWERFUL (LIFE CHANGING) MESSAGE. (You cannot be sloppy with this LIFE TRANSFORMING MESSAGE. So many are so "sloppy" today.
8. Don't expect to be promoted when you are sloppy in ATTITUDE, DRESS, or DEMEANOR. It is so sad that today many people are engaged in "MENTAL RAGE" NO OBJECTIVITY, NO ENTHUSIASM FOR LIFE, NO JOY, NO REAL PURPOSE, NO DESIRE FOR ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE, and NO MOTIVATION --- DISTRACTED BY EVERY INSIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF LIFE. FRUSTRATION, UNHAPPINESS, ANGER ARE NOT GODLY EXERCISES. [James 1:20](#) reads "The anger of a man does not achieve the righteousness of God."  
  
I UNDERSTAND NOW THAT THERE IS A NEW RAGE ON THE SCENE. "RAGE ROOMS"
9. Paul is revealing here by the A M Inf that the greatest wealth is not in LAND, MONEY, and MATERIALISM, BUT IN EZ BENEFITS.
10. There is no end to the benefits of grace provisions.