

One – Studies in Ephesians The Mystery, Ephesians 3:1-13

For this reason, I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - ² Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. ⁴ In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. ⁶This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. ⁷ I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ¹⁰ His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, ¹¹ according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.¹² In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. ¹³ I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

1. The ______ who is revealing the mystery 3:1-4

Application

- Do I see my ______ as something designed by God in order to somehow advance his Kingdom?
- Am I _____ my life and ministry, such that I am helping others understand the mysteries of Christ?

2. The _____ of this mystery 3:5-6

Application

- Are there aspects of this mystery I need more Biblical ______ on?
- Do I understand the high _____ and collective nature of the _____?
- 3. The ______ of the mystery 3:7-9

Application

- Am I growing in my understanding of _____ resulting in a posture of humility?
- 4. The ______ of the mystery 3:10-13

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Application

• Is understanding this mystery causing me to _____ in awareness, confidence, freedom and courage?

How do I need to apply this passage to my life?

Do I see my hardships as something designed by God in order to somehow advance his Kingdom?

Am I managing my life and ministry, such that I am helping others understand the mysteries of Christ?

Are there aspects of this mystery I need more Biblical clarity on?

Do I understand the high value and collective nature of the church?

Am I growing in my understanding of grace resulting in a posture of humility?

Is understanding this mystery causing me to grow in awareness, confidence, freedom and courage?