



## The Mystery of Christ's Church

Ephesians 3:1-14

- 1) The reasons Christians must rejoice (3:1, 14)
  - a) The revelation of our existence prior to salvation (1:3-14)
  - b) Our ever-growing understanding of God's power (1:15-23)
  - c) Being dead in sin, we were made alive in Christ (2:1-10)
  - d) We are one with the people of God through Christ (2:11-22)
- 2) The Church is the revelation of God's mystery to the world (3:2-12)
  - a) Revealed to apostles & prophets in Scripture (5)
  - b) A new humanity comprised of Jews & Gentiles (6)
  - c) Blessed with profound riches in Christ (8)
  - d) A light decreed by God to the darkness (9)
  - e) A witness on earth to heavenly beings (3:10; cf. 1 Cor. 11:10)
  - f) Given direct access to God through Christ (11-12)
- 3) If you are in Christ, you are part of His church. *Rejoice!*
  - a) God drafted you to serve in His army; called to a higher purpose
  - b) Join, serve, give to, & pray for your local church
  - c) Take pride in knowing God; rejoice in being a Christian
  - d) Obediently perform for God; *angels are watching*