

The Mystery Revealed (Ephesians 3:1-6)

I. God's Servant – A Joyful Captive to God's Priorities

A. Paul a Prisoner for Christ (v.1a)

B. For the Gentiles (v.1b)

C. Divine Revelation or the Mystery made known to Paul (vv. 4-6)

“fellow heirs of the same body”

“partakers of His promise in Christ through the Gospel”

The Purpose of the Mystery (Ephesians 3: 7-13)

II. The Ministry of the Mystery (7-13)

1. Making known Christ's riches to the Gentiles (verse 8)

2. Making known the mystery to all men (verse 9)

A. Preaching of the gospel in v. 9 is defined not as *euangelizō*

B. vs 8 Unsearchable riches of Christ, in v. 9 the plan of the mystery

C. vs 8 the *Gentiles*, & in the latter vs.9 to *all men*

3. Making known God's wisdom to the cosmic powers (verse 10)

“the manifold wisdom of God”

“made known by the church to the principalities & powers in the heavenly *places*”

CONCLUSION

1. *The church is central to history*

2. *The church is central to the gospel*

3. *The church is central to Christian living*