

A Life of Faith- Every Day
Ephesians 3:1-13
The Mystery of the Gospel

“This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

Ephesians 3:6

Life Application: The body of Christ (the church) is _____ to Christian living.

A little background...

Mystery- inexplicable, even incomprehensible; not dark, obscure, secretive or puzzling.

- Paul called himself the “apostle to the Gentiles” (Acts 9:15; Ephesians 3:1; 1 Timothy 2:7)
- The term “Gentiles” refers to a class or race of people. The Jews used this term in negative connotation as anyone who was outside Israel and the Hebrew faith.
- This section follows Paul’s announcement that the “dividing wall of hostility” has been broken down.
- Paul says he is a “prisoner” and he has and will be a literal prisoner because of preaching the gospel to Gentiles and including converts in the family of God.

Point: Before the _____ was revealed, we were alienated from God and from His church.

The special revelation of truth means that ALL are welcome in God’s family, now and always!

Point: The church is the _____ by which the world will know about the mystery of the gospel.

“...through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.”

Ephesians 3:10

The “mystery” was revealed to give us boldness and confidence not only to live the Christian life, but to serve and share in the body.

The mystery of faith was revealed not to hoard or to be a source of pride, but to share with others!

Personal Application...

Mystery has been lifted! The gospel has been preached so that as a community of believers we make our worship authentic, our fellowship deep and caring and our outreach gracious and compassionate.

Challenge...

Are you plugged in to the church to grow and serve?

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Next week: Ephesians 3:14-21 Spiritual Strength