

The Mystery of the Church Revealed

(Ephesians 3:1-7)

A. The CONTEXT of the Mystery Revealed. (Eph. 3:1-5)

1. The proper perspective of the church regarding the mystery is that God is _____.
(v1)

a) Even though Paul was under house arrest in Rome, He displayed the proper perspective in disclosing that he was a prisoner of _____, not the _____.

b) What does Paul's self-description as a prisoner of Jesus Christ show us?

* The Lord was in _____, not him.

* The Lord had Paul _____ where He _____ him to be.

* The Lord would _____ for him.

c) Because of Paul's perspective, he was _____ to follow the Lord's Sovereign Will even if it meant _____ for him.

* Do you have this perspective?

2. The proper point of view of the church regarding the mystery is from the standpoint of God's _____ of the ages. (v2a)

a) God's plan regarding the ages are clearly seen as we study the _____.

* What does the word dispensation mean?

* What will the point of the dispensations prove?

* What differences become clear with a proper understanding of the dispensations?

* Why is a proper understanding of dispensations important?

3. The proper process by which God revealed His mystery to the church was according to God's Sovereign _____ and _____. (v2b-5)

a) The Mystery was given via _____.

* What does revelation mean?

* Who was given this revelation?

* What is a mystery?

B. The CONTENT of the Mystery Revealed (Eph. 3:6)

1. The Gentiles are “_____.” (Gal. 3:26-29; Rom. 8:17)

* What does this mean?

2. The Gentiles are “of the same _____.”

* What does that mean?

3. The Gentiles are “_____” of His promise.

* What does this mean?

C. The HEART of the minister revealed. (Eph. 3:7)

1. The proper posture of the minister of God’s grace is _____ (v7)

a) How did Paul show his humbleness?

* as a “minister” which is one who _____.

* Paul’s viewed his ministry a given on basis of _____.

* Paul’s enablement was solely from the effective work of _____.

What does this mean to you?