

THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH REVEALED
(Ephesians 3:1-6)

I. The Wealth of The Church (chp1-3)

A. The Plan of God for the Church (1:3-14)

B. The Prayer of Paul for the Church (1:15-23)

C. The People of the Church (2:1-22)

D. The _____ of the Church (3:1-21)

1. The *explanation* of the _____ given to Paul (3:1-6)

a. His _____ for the cause of Christ was the _____ for him (3:1)

b. His _____ explained (3:2-6)

1) The words “if indeed” assumes that the Ephesians _____ that Paul had been given a _____ concerning the grace of God.

- What had been given to Paul?

“dispensation” (oikonomia)

2) We should note here from vs 2, that this new arrangement was from _____ to _____ to the _____ and also to _____!

3) This implies that God has _____ the world since _____ under _____ dispensations, arrangements, or economies and will continue to do so into the _____ fulfilling His _____ for the world through _____.

7 dispensation view & 4 dispensation view of history

4) From vs 2, we see a favorite expression used by Paul here and in other portions of NT scripture when he speaks of... “the _____ which was given to me for you”

- Well, how did Paul get this message of grace? (3:3-4)

“revelation” (apokalupsis)

5) God *revealed* to Paul the _____ he had written about already in Ephesians

- What is the “mystery” Paul refers to here?

“mystery” (musterion)

- The importance of this mystery is that it has been _____ in scripture, so it is part of the truth that God wants us to now _____ & _____.

6) The mystery of Christ & His Church was something previously _____ to the sons of men, as it has _____ by the H.S. to His _____ & _____ for us today! (3:4-5)

7) The *content* of the mystery was that... believing Jews & believing gentiles were now seen as:
a) _____ with each other (Rom. 8:17), b) they were part of the _____, the body of _____ (1 Cor. 12:13), and c) And they were _____ of Christ’s _____ through the _____ (John 3:16; 1 John 2:25)