

MORE THOUGHTS ON THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH
(Ephesians 3:1-13)

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

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

2. The *explanation* of Paul's _____ (3:7-13)
 - a. That God had _____ Paul and made him a _____ to the New Creation He was _____ in the world today (3:7)

 - b. His ministry carried specific _____ that he was to _____ as God's steward (3:8-12)
 - 1) He was responsible as God's _____ to the church, to view himself _____, ... as "*God _____ the proud, but gives _____ to the humble*"

 - 2) He was responsible to _____ among the Gentile nations the _____!

 - 3) He was responsible to do this in keeping with the _____ of God in this present _____.

- What did that include?
 - Revealing previously hidden _____ about the _____ of the church (3:9)

 - Revealing the multifaceted _____ that is found only in _____ and His _____ when He is _____ and _____ in the word of God!
(3:10)

- As Christ & the gospel is faithfully preached, the “wisdom” found in Christ can _____ & _____ you to _____ the Lord in your Christian _____!

- Paul knew what God had revealed to him was not only _____ & _____ for believer, but it was _____ to the _____ in heavenly places as well (3:10b)

- The angelic beings (both holy & fallen) are amazed that fallen sinners not only have the opportunity to be _____, but that they also enjoy _____ & direct _____ to God today! (3:12)

- How was this different from the past?
 - c. Paul requests that believer’s not _____ or become _____ by Paul’s present prison situation (3:13)

- What should this say to us today?