

Ephesians 3:1-13 – “In Christ: The Mystery of the Gospel”

Mystery: That Which Is Concealed from Ordinary View – Prov 25:2; Ro 16:25; 1 Cor 2:7;
Eph 1:18; 3:9

- The Truth of any mystery must first be revealed by God – Eph 1:18; 3:3,5; Ga 1:11-12
...known only by faith – Eph 3:17
- The true knowledge of a mystery will not make us proud, but keep us humble – Eph 3:7-8

Paul Proclaims the Mystery of Our Union with God and with One Another – Eph 3:6; Col 1:26-27

- Resulting in the infinite riches of Christ – Eph 3:8; 1 Cor 3:21-23
...immense in scope, in reach, and in power – Eph 3:7-9
- We Are:
 - ...fellow/joint heirs – Eph 3:16; 1 Cor 3:21-23; Titus 3:7
 - = children of God with adult standing and immediate access to family resources
– Ro 8:14-17
 - = In Christ, we each and all have full and equal access to the wealth of our Father
 - ...fellow/joint body members – Eph 3:6; 1 Cor 12:12-27
 - = none of us has preferred status – 1 Cor 12:14-18
 - = In Christ, we each and all have full and equal value/worth in the church
 - ...fellow/joint partakers – Eph 3:6; Eph 1:3; II Pet 1:3,4
 - = full inclusion in the eternal life of God’s Spirit – Eph 1:13; II Tim 1:1; I Jo 2:27
 - = In Christ, we each and all are full and equal participants in the Life of Christ
- This is the eternal purpose of God in Christ – Eph 3:11

It Is Important to Get This Right:

- Important to God... for the sake of His character – Eph 3:11
- Important to the church... for the sake of our confidence – Eph 3:12
- Important to the angels... for the sake of their education – Eph 3:10; I Pet 1:12; Ro 8:19
- Important to the lost world... for the sake of witness – Eph 4:18-19; Jo 13:35