

Partaking of the Mystery of God

Ephesians 3:1

1. Paul a prisoner of Jesus Christ. (Physical and Spiritual.)
2. Grace = the revelation of the mystery.
3. The Holy Spirit revealing to the apostles and prophets.
4. That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ Jesus. Through the gospel (Rom. 1:16).
5. Paul became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God, given to me
 - a. by the effective working of His power.

The Expression of this Mystery

Ephesians 3:8-13

1. Grace came that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.
2. To make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery
 - a. from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Christ.
 - b. To the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to principalities and powers in heavenly places.
 - c. God's eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord
 - i. in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

The Heart of the Mystery

Ephesians 3:14-21

1. The Family, our family, that He would grant you according to the riches of His glory to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,
2. that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with the new family, what is the width and length and depth and height—
3. to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
4. Now to Him who is able.