

Ephesians 3:1-13. The Mystery of God      Session 5

1. Where was Paul when writing this letter? (V1) Why?
2. How did Paul receive the truth he is teaching about? What is the "mystery"? (V 1, 2) see Eph. 1:9 What is Paul's purpose in writing this letter to the Christians at Ephesus? (V4)
3. Was this "mystery" made known previously? (In other ages?) (v 5) Who is the agent of the revelation of the "mystery "? (V 5) What is the nature of the "mystery," as outlined in verse 6?
4. How is Paul a minister of the mystery? (V 7)
5. How does Paul describe himself? Why was this grace given to Paul? (V 8)
6. What is Paul's mission? (V 9) Why was this "mystery" not known previously? (V 9) (see Col. 1:26, Romans 16:25, 1 Cor. 2:7)
7. What is God's intention in revealing the mystery? (V 10)
8. How did God carry out and accomplish his purpose? (V11)
9. Why can we now come boldly into God's presence? (V 12)
10. Why should the Ephesians not lose heart due to Paul's trials? (V 13)

Revelation: Gk – “apokalypsis”

I Laying bare, Making naked

II Disclosure of truth, instruction,

A concerning things before unknown

B Used of events which were withdrawn from view, and are made visible to all

III Manifestation, appearance

Mystery: Gk – “mysterion” This word is used at least 6 times in Ephesians.

Hidden thing, secret, mystery – a hidden or secret thing not obvious to the understanding

A hidden purpose or counsel - of God – the secret councils which govern God's dealings with the righteous hidden from ungodly and plain to the godly. See: Mark 4:11