

THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY
(Ephesians 3:1-6)

- I. The Introduction (Eph. 3:1)
 - A. The “reason” is the DOCTRINAL instruction he’s provided
 - B. The person is “I, Paul, the PRISONER...”
 - 1. He’s “the prisoner of CHRIST JESUS”
 - 2. He’s the prisoner of Christ “for the SAKE of you GENTILES”

- II. The STEWARDSHIP of Grace (Eph. 3:2)
 - A. The NATURE of his ministry was KNOWN to his readers
 - B. The “STEWARDSHIP of God’s GRACE” had been GIVEN to him
 - 1. He’d been APPOINTED by his MASTER
 - 2. He’d been made an ADMINISTRATOR of God’s GRACE
 - C. His ministry was “for the SAKE of you GENTILES” (v. 1)

- III. The REVELATION of the Mystery (Eph. 3:3-5)
 - A. Paul LEARNED this directly from the LORD
 - B. What he learned is characterized as “the MYSTERY”

1. It is not a RIDDLE or a PUZZLE
 2. It is an UNEXPECTED TRUTH
 3. He's mentioned it before, and wants to CLARIFY
- C. What he's teaching is NEW
1. It was UNKNOWN in the OT era
 2. It has been made KNOWN and remains KNOWABLE
- D. It has been revealed to "His holy APOSTLES and PROPHETS"
- E. It was revealed through the ministry of the SPIRIT

IV. The CONTENT of the Mystery (Eph. 3:6)

- A. Jewish and Gentile believers are "FELLOW HEIRS"
- B. Jewish and Gentiles believers are "FELLOW MEMBERS of the BODY"
- C. Jewish and Gentile believers are "FELLOW PARTAKERS in the PROMISE"
1. We do not share in the OT promises to ISRAEL
 2. We are co-participants in the NT promise "in CHRIST JESUS through the GOSPEL"