

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE MYSTERY
(Ephesians 3:7-13)

- I. Paul's Divine ASSIGNMENT (Eph. 3:7-9)
 - A. He was MADE a MINISTER (3:7)
 - 1. It was a position of LOWLY SERVICE
 - 2. It was a GIFT of God's GRACE
 - 3. Paul received it through the EXERCISE of God's POWER
 - B. He was UNDESERVING (3:8a)
 - 1. He was the LEAST of all saints
 - 2. This GRACE was a GIFT
 - C. He must PREACH the RICHES of Christ (3:8b)
 - 1. This message was to go to the GENTILES
 - 2. The riches of Christ are UNFATHOMABLE
 - D. He must bring to LIGHT what had been HIDDEN in God (3:9)
 - 1. He must "FLOOD with LIGHT" this message
 - 2. HIDING it had been God's deliberate POLICY

3. It had remained unknown since “the AGES BEGAN” (1:9-10; cf. 1 Cor. 2:7; Rom. 16:25)

II. God’s Eternal PURPOSE (Eph. 3:10-12)

- A. That God’s WISDOM might be made known to the ANGELS (3:10)
 1. The Church is an OBJECT LESSON for God’s instruction of the ANGELS
 2. They learn the WISDOM of God’s GRACE
- B. God’s ETERNAL PURPOSE was ACCOMPLISHED in Christ Jesus (3:11)
- C. We have ACCESS to God through FAITH in Christ (3:12)
 1. We can come to His presence to SPEAK FREELY
 2. We can come to His presence with CONFIDENCE

III. Our Appropriate RESPONSE (Eph. 3:13)

- A. We must not LOSE HEART
- B. We must recognize TRIBULATIONS as our GLORY