

A SERVANT OF THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST

Ephesians 3:1-21

Key Verse: 3:7

1. Read verses 1-3 and 7. What does "For this reason" refer to (2:19-22)? How did Paul identify himself and why? How did God's grace come to Paul (2-3,7)?
 2. Read verses 4-6. What is the mystery? What are its specific contents? What is the significance of the repetition of "together"? How is the mystery being realized in the church and in our ministry?
 3. Read verses 7-9. How did Paul become a servant of the gospel? What did God want to accomplish through his ministry (8b-11)? In light of this, think about the glory of becoming a servant of the gospel. What was Paul's attitude in preaching the gospel?
 4. Read verses 10-13. How and to whom does God reveal his manifold wisdom through the church? How did Paul see his sufferings in light of God's grand purpose for the church?
 5. Read verses 14-19. What did Paul pray for the believers? Why should we be strengthened in our inner being? How can we be? How can we have Christ dwell in our hearts? How much can we grow in the love of Christ? Read verses 20-21. How is God's power demonstrated in Paul's doxology? What hope does this give us?
- a "Manifold" ("pol-oo-poy'-kil-os" [Gr]) means "much variegated, marked with a great variety of colors, of cloth or a painting."