

## **Ephesians: The Believers' Blessings #11**

### ***A Conduit of Christ's Glory***

#### **Ephesians 3:1-13 (NASB)**

#### **The Mystery Revealed (church)**

<sup>1</sup> For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--

<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you,

<sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.

<sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,

<sup>5</sup> which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.

<sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.

<sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

<sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

#### **The Intent of the Mystery (church)**

<sup>10</sup> His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms,

<sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>12</sup> In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

<sup>13</sup> I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, for they are your glory.

#### **What is the Mystery (the church)**

1. The salvation of \_\_\_\_\_ people (Jews/Gentiles)  
\_\_\_\_\_ into one body, under Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel.

#### **Ephesians 3:6 (NASB)**

<sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

- a. Jesus left heaven and became a man
- b. Jesus lived a perfect life in the midst of imperfect people
- c. Jesus went to the cross and died for imperfect people
- d. Jesus rose again for the salvation of imperfect people

## What is the Intent of the Mystery? (the church)

2. To make known the manifold \_\_\_\_\_ of God to the rulers and authorities in the \_\_\_\_\_ realms.

### Ephesians 3:10-11 (NASB)

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3. The \_\_\_\_\_ stand in stark \_\_\_\_\_ at what God did for the \_\_\_\_\_. **1 Peter 1:10-12.**

a. As a result of the \_\_\_\_\_ the angels see God in a new \_\_\_\_\_. **John 1:1-3, 1:14; 1 Timothy 3:16.**

b. As a result of the gospel the angels receive a \_\_\_\_\_ kind of \_\_\_\_\_, (a God/man). **Colossians 2:9-10; Phil. 2:10-11.**

c. As a result of the gospel the angels have an increased \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_. **Hebrews 2:9.**

4. Satan stands in utter disgust when he found out that his \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ plan to unfold the manifold wisdom of God. **1 Corinthians 2:6-8.**

5. As the \_\_\_\_\_ we stand in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the largest amphitheater that has ever existed for the \_\_\_\_\_ of proclaiming the Glory of God to every living being.

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