

## **The Revelation of the Church** (The Mystery of the Church in Christ)

**Text:** Ephesians 3:1-13

**Main Idea:** The mystery of the Church has been revealed & preached that all who come to Christ in faith can obtain the riches of Christ and have access to God.

1. **The \_\_\_prisoner\_\_\_ of the Mystery:** God revealed the mystery of the Church to Paul and commissioned him to reveal it. (v. 1-4)
  - Paul was a prisoner of Jesus Christ on behalf of the \_\_\_**Gentiles**\_\_\_.
  - Paul was a \_\_\_**steward**\_\_\_ of the mystery of God's grace that was uniquely given to him by grace. (Col 1:24-25, 1 Cor 9:16-17)
  
2. **The \_\_\_plan\_\_\_ of the Mystery:** Through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Gentiles would be included in the salvation plan of God. (v. 5-6)
  - The meaning: The church & the mystery of Christ was \_\_\_**hidden**\_\_\_ to mankind in general before the church age.
  - The method: The mystery was revealed to His apostles & prophets by the \_\_\_**Spirit**\_\_\_.
  - The mystery: The Gentiles are fellow heirs, fellow members of the body & partakers of the promise which all come through \_\_\_**Christ**\_\_\_ through the Gospel.
  
3. **The \_\_\_preaching\_\_\_ of the Mystery:** To proclaim the riches of Christ to everyone. (v. 7-9)
  - God calls ministers by grace & through power to \_\_\_**preach**\_\_\_ this Gospel.
  - The Gospel includes the unsearchable \_\_\_**riches**\_\_\_ of Christ.
  - Preaching is designed to make known the mystery of the Church for \_\_\_**everyone**\_\_\_.
  
4. **The \_\_\_purpose\_\_\_ of the Mystery:** That the angels in the heavens might give glory to God as they see the wisdom of God in saving fallen men in the church. (v. 10-11)
  
5. **The \_\_\_privilege\_\_\_ of the Mystery:** Every person who comes to faith in Christ can come before God with boldness and confident access. (v. 12-13, Heb 4:15-16)