

Series: Ephesians: Our Life In Christ (ONLINE WEEK 8)

Sermon: The Mystery Revealed

Passage: Ephesians 3:1-13

Illustration:

Need: Serving God won't often be like we think it will or should be, but by His grace He will lead us to where our lives will bring Him the greatest glory.

I. The Mystery (3:1-6)

- (vs 2) Paul was called by God to go to the Gentiles
- (vs 3) "as I have written briefly" - (Eph. 1:9; 2:11-22)
- (vs 4-5) God had hidden His grand plan for the church from the OT saints until after the resurrection.
- (vs 6) The Mystery Revealed = In Christ, Jew & Gentile become ONE in God's sight & in His kingdom & in His family!

II. The Ministry (3:7-13)

- (vs 7) Made not earned.
- (vs 8a) No past too far from grace
- (8b-10) The message is Christ alone by faith alone.
- (vs 11-12) Boldness & confident access.
- (vs 13) Suffering is an opportunity to identify with and glorify Jesus and to encourage the brothers to endure their own potential suffering. (**Rom. 8:18**)

III. Take Aways:

- #1 - Some things remain mysterious. You don't have everything figured out & that's okay.
- #2 - Unity in the church is REALLY important to its Creator. Is it important to you?
- #3 - If Paul is the least of us then we don't have any excuses not to serve. (or, No matter what, God wants to and will use you if you will just let Him.)
- #4 - You don't have to tip-toe around your Abba, Father!
- #5 - Suffering & Pain are not glorious, but to suffer well as a confident child of God is glorious to behold.