



Ephesians 3:1-13

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What is God's Mystery?

How do we live the Christian life?

Paul's Calling as Steward of God's Mystery

*Ephesians
3:1-6*

1-2 Paul's C_____

3-6 God's M_____

Revealed to Paul (3-4):

About a new reality (5-6):

**My calling?*

(Paul's) Gospel Changes Everything

*Ephesians
3:7-10*

7 Gospel C_____ lives

8 Gospel H_____ our pride

9 Gospel R_____ our need for relationship

10 Gospel, through the Church, D_____ God's wisdom

**Gospel changed me?*

Paul's Confidence in Jesus while Suffering

*Ephesians
3:11-14*

11 God's eternal P_____

12 Paul's C_____

13 Paul's I_____

**My confidence?*

How can I...

- 1. Reframe H _____?
- 2. Cultivate R _____ I _____?
- 3. Reveal God’s M _____ W _____?
- 4. Balance H _____ AND B _____?

GOSPEL GRID

Romans 3:21-31,5:1,12-21; 6-8; 2 Corinthians 3, 5; Galatians 2:20; 5; Ephesians 1-2

<u>QUESTION</u>	<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>NON-CHRISTIAN</u> Religious—Atheist Licentious	<u>CHRISTIAN</u> Fleshly/Carnal Legalistic	<u>CHRISTIAN</u> Spiritual Liberty / Grace
WHAT?	Behavior	Do what you want	Obey rules, Do right	Trust, Know, & Follow Jesus
WHY?	Motive	Do what feels good Be happy	Obligation-duty Have to	Opportunity-Glorify & Grow in Jesus
HOW?	Method	Don't get caught Trust yourself	Try hard Trust yourself	Admit weakness Trust Holy Spirit
WHO?	Source	Natural: 'flesh' self-doing	Natural: 'flesh' self-doing	Supernatural: Holy Spirit enabling

- Religion seeks to get me to define my identity by my behavior, performance and worthiness.
- Gospel says I was, am and always will be unworthy (undeserving) BUT I have infinite value.
- Gospel Identity: Jesus living in me & I in Him with the Spirit empowering obedience to Jesus.
- Gospel Identity: I'm not primarily a sinner saved by grace, but a saint who still does sin.
- Gospel invites me to focus on RESTING & BEING (in Christ) rather than DOING (for Christ).
- Gospel invites me to RECEIVE & TRUST the Spirit NOT TRY & TRUST in my own flesh.



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