

# The Mystery Revealed Notes

Ephesians 3:1-13

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**Main Point:** Our mission is to make known the mystery and majesty of the gospel.

## Mystery

1. In English, a “mystery” is understood as something \_\_\_\_\_ or inexplicable.
2. The word “mystery” in the Bible is different because it refers to a previously hidden truth that is now made \_\_\_\_\_ by the revelation of God.

## The Call of Paul to the Mystery (vs. 1-4).

1. Jews and Gentiles are now \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (vs. 1).
2. Paul saw himself as a manager of God’s resources, knowing he had been entrusted with the message of the grace of the gospel.
3. The word “revelation” means “to unveil, to \_\_\_\_\_, to take the lid off, to pull the curtains back.
4. If you want to understand the ways of God, you must be immersed in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

## The Plan of the Mystery (vs. 5-6)

1. We are fellow \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Born-again Jews and born-again Gentiles are joined together and experience all the covenant benefits of God’s grace (Galatians 3:29).
2. We are members of the same \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Both are brand new creations, and both are enfolded into one body (1 Corinthians 12:13).
3. We are partakers of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 11:13-14).

## The Preaching of the Mystery (vs. 7-9)

1. Paul knew everything he had, and everything he was called to do, was a gift of God’s \_\_\_\_\_.
2. God gave him the \_\_\_\_\_ and power he needed to accomplish this task (Colossians 1:29).
3. The word “power” in Greek gives us the word “dynamite.”
4. The phrase “very least” means “far \_\_\_\_\_, less than the least, far inferior.”
5. In Latin, the name Paul means “\_\_\_\_\_.”
6. The word “preach” means “to \_\_\_\_\_ good news.”
7. The word “unsearchable” means “fathomless, past finding out, impossible to trace step-by-step.”
8. In verse 9, to “bring to Light” means “to \_\_\_\_\_, to make plain.”

### **The Purpose of the Mystery (vs. 10-11).**

1. God communicates “through the \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. God’s intent was that through the ministry and mission of the church, His manifold wisdom would be made known.
3. The word “manifold” means “greatly \_\_\_\_\_, variegated, intricate, multi-colored, and beautiful.
4. In classical Greek, the adjective “manifold” referred to the beauty of an embroidered pattern or the variety of colors in flowers.
5. The phrase “made known” means “displaying, narrating, declaring, and \_\_\_\_\_,” similar to what a gifted teacher does when unfolding and explaining complex truths.
6. The phrase, “The rulers and authorities in the heavenly places” refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ realm, which includes both good angels and bad angels, or demons.
7. 1 Peter 1:12 says the angels are so curious about salvation that they peer over the portals of Heaven to watch God at work.
8. Angels watch us because we are \_\_\_\_\_ of the mystery!
9. Five Implications
  - We shouldn’t just focus on what we get out of a service, or whether we happen to like the music or the message.
  - We must \_\_\_\_\_ the church and plan our schedules around it.
  - We are not an audience just watching a show.
  - Ask God to revive us again.
  - Angels cannot be redeemed but we can.

### **The Privilege of the Mystery (12-13).**

1. We can have \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The word “boldness” has the idea of “\_\_\_\_\_ of speech,” meaning we can express ourselves to God without fear or shame.
2. We can have courage.
  - The phrase “lose heart” means “to grow \_\_\_\_\_ or faint hearted.
  - It also means, “to turn \_\_\_\_\_ and to give into the influences of evil around you.”