

The *Mystery* of the Church

Ephesians 3:1-7
Message

Be encouraged by the greatness of God's power which has revealed to us the mystery that Gentiles are fellow members of the Church.

Outline

Discover the vastness of God's love in calling you (1-3).

Greetings (1:1-2)

Paul praised God for the riches of His glory (1:3-14)

Paul thanked God and prayed for them to know the value of their blessings (1:15-23)

Paul reflected on the hope of God's calling (2:1-22)

Paul encouraged them with the greatness of God's power (3:1-13)

Including Gentiles into the Church had previously been a mystery (3:1-7)

The Mystery of the Church (Eph 3:1-7)

Prayer interrupted (1)

- I. As an apostle, Paul was an administrator of truth (2)
- II. As an apostle, Paul received revelation about this mystery (3-5)
- III. This mystery is that Gentiles are fellow members of Christ's body (6)
- IV. God's grace was the power behind Paul's ministry (7)

Interpret your experiences from God's perspective

Will we choose to interpret our circumstances, especially the hard ones, from God's perspective?

Will we train ourselves to say, "I am here by God's design"?

Will we train ourselves to say, "God has me here for His good and wise purposes"?

Will we train ourselves to say, "God put me here to serve Him"?



“Mystery” in the NT

It is a mystery because God had not revealed this from His mind (His secret council) until NT times

A mystery is truth previously concealed, now revealed

Mystery in the NT refers to many different truths that were once concealed but are now revealed

Fellow Heirs

Will receive an inheritance together. Joint heirs of every spiritual blessing (Eph 1:3)

Fellow Members

The body of Christ

Fellow Partakers of the Promise

Share with Jews in the promise of the New Covenant (Eph 2:12)

Gentiles are fellow members of the body with all the saints of all the ages

Mystery Revealed

