



New Covenant

Presbyterian Church

“MINISTERS AND MYSTERIES OF GRACE”

EPHESIANS 3:1-13

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“The Apostle Paul never got over two things—i.e. God’s grace in the Gospel and God’s grace in calling him to be a steward of the mystery of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.” – Nick Batzig

A. MINISTERS OF GRACE

1. PAUL CONSIDERS HIMSELF TO BE A PRISONER FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL, NOT A PRISONER OF CEASAR.
2. PAUL LIVES FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE SAKE OF THE GENTILES.
3. GOD GAVE PAUL A THORN IN HIS SIDE TO KEEP HIM HUMBLE.
4. PAUL DOESN’T BELIEVE HE DID ANYTHING TO GET WHERE HE IS IN HIS MINISTRY. ALL HE HAS HE RECEIVES AS A GIFT FROM ABOVE AND GIVES ALL THE GLORY TO GOD. WE CAN LEARN FROM PAUL’S EXAMPLE THAT THERE IS NOTHING FROM WITHIN US THAT IS ABLE TO COMMEND US TO GOD.
5. PAUL SERVES FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS AND NOT HIMSELF.
6. APPLICATION: DO YOU LIVE TO GLORIFY GOD? DO YOU SERVE FOR THE GOOD OF OTHERS OR YOURSELF? DO YOU BELIEVE ALL YOU HAVE ARE GIFTS FROM ABOVE? DO YOU BELIEVE THERE IS ANYTHING WITHIN YOU ABLE TO COMMEND YOU TO GOD?

“The Apostle Paul lived, breathed, ate, slept, worked, prayed, preached, suffered, bled and ultimately gladly died for the glory of God and the salvation of men.” – Eric Alexander

B. MYSTERIES OF GRACE

1. THE TWO EVIDENT MYSTERIES OF GRACE IN THIS PASSAGE ARE THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF JESUS AND THE ETERNAL PURPOSE OF GOD IN REDEMPTION.
2. THERE IS ALWAYS MORE TO BE FOUND IN JESUS.
3. GOD CREATED THE WORLD TO REDEEM A PEOPLE FOR HIMSELF.

“What if what God is doing in your life is only happening so that He can say to the Angels, ‘Do you see what I’m doing?’” – Sinclair

Ferguson on Ephesians 3:10