

The Mystery of Christ – Ephesians 3:1-13

Observations and Interpretation

v. 1 – Paul the _____ of Christ Jesus

vv. 2-7 – *Dispensation and mystery*

- *Dispensation* = _____ of someone's affairs
- *Dispensations* = different _____ of human history during which God gave a test of _____ to a specific revelation of His will.
- Paul called to _____ the revelation of God's grace to Gentiles
- *Mystery* = _____ in generations past, but now _____ by God to His apostles and prophets
- The *mystery of Christ* = _____, the _____ of Christ
Content of the mystery (v. 6)
 - 1) Gentiles are fellow _____ of every spiritual blessing
 - 2) Gentiles are fellow _____ of body of Christ
 - 3) Gentiles are fellow _____ of the promise concerning Christ
- Paul's ministry a _____ / gift of God's _____ (v. 7)

vv. 8-12 – *Riches and wisdom*

- Paul's task from God
 - 1) _____ the unfathomable _____ of Christ
 - 2) _____ the _____ of Christ
- Why the mystery hidden? The _____ and purpose of God
 - 1) *Manifold* =
 - 2) *How* was it revealed?
 - 3) *To whom* was it revealed?

Take-Away

- The case for dispensationalism – implications:
 - 1) The church is ***God's*** _____ in this age
 - 2) God will one day resume His unique program for _____
- Serving the Lord is a _____