

**The Community of Christ Part IV**  
**Eph. 3:1-13**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
  - Paul breaks of his prayer of verse 1 to explain his part in God's \_\_\_\_\_ plan to display His glory and build His kingdom.
  - The mystery of Christ is that now we, the Gentiles, are \_\_\_\_\_ together-with, members of the \_\_\_\_\_ together-with, and partakers of God's \_\_\_\_\_ together-with Christ-believing Jews.
  - But do we really \_\_\_\_\_ this revealed mystery playing out in and changing our individual lives and how we do church?
  - The challenge is for us to see the gospel for what the \_\_\_\_\_ says it is, not for what we \_\_\_\_\_ it to be.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ
  - Paul was given both a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Along with the \_\_\_\_\_ comes the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Obligation: To \_\_\_\_\_ the good news to the world.
    - The \_\_\_\_\_ your past, the more glorious God's \_\_\_\_\_ can shine in your life.
    - Paul combined personal \_\_\_\_\_ with apostolic \_\_\_\_\_.
    - This revelation imposes on \_\_\_\_\_ Christian the same obligation to share the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Obligation: To \_\_\_\_\_ the good news to the world.
    - The manifold wisdom of God is displayed to the world *through the* \_\_\_\_\_!
    - The very existence of this multi-\_\_\_\_\_, multi-\_\_\_\_\_, multi-\_\_\_\_\_, world-wide \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ to the dark powers that their time is up.
    - Stott: If the church is central to God's \_\_\_\_\_, it must be central to our \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Personal Question: How can I better display God's manifold wisdom through \_\_\_\_\_ commitment to His church?

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**Eph. 3:1-13**

- The Revelation of the Mystery of Christ
  - Paul breaks of his prayer of verse 1 to explain his part in God's sovereign plan to display His glory and build His kingdom.
  - The mystery of Christ is that now we, the Gentiles, are heirs together-with, members of the body together-with, and partakers of God's promise together-with Christ-believing Jews.
  - But do we really want this revealed mystery playing out in and changing our individual lives and how we do church?
  - The challenge is for us to see the gospel for what the Bible says it is, not for what we want it to be.
- The Obligations of the Ministry of Christ
  - Paul was given both a revelation and a responsibility.
  - Along with the revelation comes the obligations.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Obligation: To declare the good news to the world.
    - The darker your past, the more glorious God's grace can shine in your life.
    - Paul combined personal humility with apostolic authority.
    - This revelation imposes on every Christian the same obligation to share the gospel.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Obligation: To display the good news to the world.
    - The manifold wisdom of God is displayed to the world *through the church!*
    - The very existence of this multi-national, multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, world-wide family is the declaration to the dark powers that their time is up.
    - Stott: If the church is central to God's purpose, it must be central to our lives.
    - Personal Question: How can I better display God's manifold wisdom through my commitment to His church?