

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 _____.
 - 1st 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 _____.
 - 2nd 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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- 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.
 - 1st 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.
 - 2nd 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?