

Ephesians

The Gospel for All

Ephesians 3

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Introduction:

- **Philippians 3:4-6**
 - **Acts 22:14-16**
 - **Acts 22:21**
 - What leads you in your relationship with Christ?
 - **Ephesians 3:1**
 - **Daniel 3:16-18**
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1. The Mystery of Christ:

- a. **Ephesians 3:2-6**
- b. Greek – **Oikonomia** ... English – **Stewardship** ... *“A method of tending to or managing the affairs or property a person or group.”*
- c. **Matthew 25:14-30**
- d. **Ephesians 3:4-5**
- e. What is the Mystery of Christ? – **Ephesians 3:6**
- f. **Ephesians 2**
- g. Fulfillment of **Genesis 12:1-3**
- h. Why was it a mystery if it was spoken of in the Old Testament?
 1. **Isaiah 2**
 2. **Isaiah 49:6**
 3. **Zachariah 8:20-23**
 4. **Psalms 67**
- i. The Jewish people could never have imagined that Gentiles would be allowed in the Family of God. But why?
 1. They misconstrued their covenant with God – **2nd Peter 3:9**
 2. Many years of foreign oppression –
 3. Israel and the Law –
 4. Second Temple Jewish Teachings –
- j. **Acts 10:34-35**
- k. **Acts 9:15**

2. A Servant of the Gospel:

- a. **Ephesians 3:7-13**
- b. Do you feel a passion for salvation?
- c. **Romans 3:23**
- d. **Philippians 4:13**
- e. There are too many people that make up excuses as to why they cannot share the Gospel with others. But excuses are elegant lies that we tell ourselves.
- f. **Vernon Brundage Jr.** – *“Excuses are tools of incompetence, used to build bridges to nowhere, and monuments of nothingness ... And those who use them seldom specialize in anything.”*
- g. **Benjamin Franklin** – *“He that is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.”*
- h. **George Washington Carver** – *“Ninety-Nine percent of all failures come from people who have the habit of making excuses.”*
- a. What are your excuses for not sharing the Gospel with those you know?
- b. **Ephesians 3:12**

3. A Prayer for the Church:

- a. **Ephesians 3:14**
- b. A few things in his prayer:
 - 1. Out of His glorious riches, that God will strengthen us through the Spirit.
 - 2. That being rooted and established in His Love that we will understand better.
 - 3. Grasp how wide, long, high, and deep the Love of Christ is.
- c. **Romans 8:28**
- d. **Ephesians 3:20-21**