

The Gift of Revelation

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The mystery of Christ has been revealed through the Apostle Paul, to the Saints in Ephesus, and to us today, which gives us every reason in the world to be overwhelmed by the gospel of God and emboldened to live radical lives, proclaiming the gospel to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people group.

I. Revealed to the Apostle Paul – Read Ephesians 3:1-3

- A. Ephesians 3:1 tells us that Paul was a “prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles.” How would you interpret this verse? Why does Paul consider himself to be a prisoner of Christ Jesus rather than as a prisoner to the Romans?

- B. In verse 2, what does it mean when Paul claims that he was made a steward of God’s grace?

- C. Verses 1-3 show Paul’s willingness to be faithful in whatever situation God calls him. In what areas are you openhanded to God’s plan for your life? In what areas are you prone to desire control over your plans rather than just being faithful to the task before you?

II. Revealed to the Saints – Read Ephesians 3:4-6

- A. What is the mystery that Paul’s talking about in Ephesians 3:1-6? What are the 3 pronouncements in verse 6 and how are they an encouragement to you today?

- B. According to Ephesians 3:1-4, the mystery was made known to the Apostle Paul. How is Acts 9 helpful in unpacking how Paul was a recipient of God’s revelation? According to Acts 9, what was revealed to Paul? In what ways does the rest of the book of Acts showcase the mystery revealed?

- C. In verse 5, Paul tells us that the mystery has been revealed by the Spirit to the Apostles, which includes Peter. In what ways does Acts 10 inform us of God’s revelation in the life of Peter? How does this revelation transform Peter’s ministry as seen in Acts 10 and 11?

III. Revealed to Us Today – Application

- A. In what ways have you been overwhelmed by the glory of the gospel this week? What are some practical ways in which you can proclaim the good news to your own soul throughout the week?

- B. In what ways can you encourage your brothers and sisters in Christ to glory in the gospel?

- C. Where would you like to grow in courage as you engage the world with the gospel? When are you prone to shy away from gospel conversations? Who are some specific people that you can engage in gospel conversation with this week? For whom are you faithfully praying?