

**Series:** Church Matters

**Message:** The Purpose of the Church

**Scripture:** Ephesians 3:1-13 (ESV)

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### **Ephesians 3:1-13 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup> For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—

<sup>2</sup> assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,

<sup>3</sup> how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.

<sup>4</sup> When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ,

<sup>5</sup> which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

<sup>6</sup> This mystery is<sup>[a]</sup> that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup> Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power.

<sup>8</sup> To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

<sup>9</sup> and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in<sup>[b]</sup> God, who created all things,

<sup>10</sup> so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

<sup>11</sup> This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,

<sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

<sup>13</sup> So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

1. A grace supplied.

2. A mystery revealed.

3. A mission birthed.