

Questions for Reflection and Discussion
Ephesians 3:1-13
It's a Mystery

Getting Started

Tell about something that seemed mysterious to you when you were a child.

Digging In

1. **Read Eph 3:1-6.** Comparing 3:1 with 3:14, Paul began to pray, and then interrupted himself to talk about the mystery that was revealed to him. How was this a matter of grace?
2. In Scripture a mystery is a truth that was once concealed but is now revealed. What was the mystery that was revealed to Paul?
3. How does the Gentiles' new condition as members of Christ's church contrast with their old condition before becoming followers of Christ? (Compare 2:12 with 3:6.)
4. **Read Eph 3:7-9.** What unique privilege was given to Paul?
5. In what sense was this commission a matter of *grace*?
6. Why do you think Paul called himself a *servant of the gospel*?
7. **Read Eph 3:10-13.** What is God accomplishing through the church? (vv. 10-11)
8. What enormous privilege is given to those who are in Christ? (v. 12)
9. Why does Paul ask the Ephesians to not be discouraged by his sufferings (a reference to his imprisonment in Rome)?



Getting Personal

- In what sense are we also called by grace to make known a gospel of grace?
- Are we also servants of the gospel? Explain.
- Paul says in v. 12 that we can now *approach God with freedom and confidence*. What does this mean for you personally?
- What can we learn about suffering from Paul's example?
- How is God's grace being seen in and through your life?