

"PAUL'S STEWARDSHIP OF THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST" EPHESIANS 3:1-6

I. PAUL'S STEWARDSHIP INCLUDED HIS BEING A PRISONER OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST FOR THE SAKE OF THE GENTILES (3:1)

- A. His Circumstance Was Not A Contradiction To This Great Purpose Of God
 - 1. This Is Evidence Of The Fact That He Understood His Assignment
 - 2. This Is Confirmed By His Various Appearances Before Magistrates & The Jews
 - a. Agrippa (Acts 26)
 - b. Jerusalem (Acts 22)
 - c. Jerusalem (Acts 21)
- B. He Knows How To Connect His Every Circumstance In Light Of His God Given Assignment

II. PAUL'S STEWARDSHIP INCLUDED HIS BEING A RECIPIENT OF THE INFORMATION CONCERNING GOD'S GRACE FOR GENTILES (3:2-6)

- A. Note The Delicate Wording As He Begins The Digression (3:2)
- B. The "Mystery" Is What He Had Been Talking About In 2:13-22 (3:3)
- C. This Information Had Not Been Made Known In Previous Ages Like He Was Making It Known Now (3:4-5)
- D. The New Information Wasn't That Gentiles Could Be Saved, But That They Could Experience Salvation Without Becoming Jews (3:6)