

# EPHESIANS

- Chapters 1-3 - The believer's wealth in Christ



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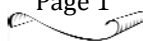
So far in our study of Ephesians we have seen the following:

- Chapter 1 - Our spiritual blessings and a model \_\_\_\_\_ for our church
- Chapter 2 - Our riches in mercy and grace, the gift of God, our nearness to God, and that Jew and Gentile are now \_\_\_\_\_ new man in Christ

Today we enter chapter 3, the final chapter in the doctrinal section of this great epistle. Our last message revealed that the church is a body and a temple; here in Chapter 3, we learn that the church is also a \_\_\_\_\_. This usage of the word *mystery* bears no resemblance to the modern connotation of "secretive." According to the Bible, a mystery is not something unknown or secret — rather something that has been previously hidden but now is \_\_\_\_\_. This mystery is clearly understood, this mystery has been supernaturally revealed by \_\_\_\_\_.

## EPHESIANS 3:1-7 - The mystery of Christ - part one

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ - Ephesians 3:1
  - a. The apostle Paul is a \_\_\_\_\_ for us to follow - 1 Timothy 1:12-16
  - b. He is a prisoner of \_\_\_\_\_ -
    - He is a prisoner because of the great truths explained in chapter 2 - "*For this cause...*"
2. A propagator - Ephesians 3:2-4
  - a. Grace -
  - b. A mystery \_\_\_\_\_ by God -
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ words, so believers could understand -
3. A \_\_\_\_\_ - Ephesians 3:5-7
  - a. Defining a biblical mystery - verse 5
    - A mystery is something that was once \_\_\_\_\_ but is now \_\_\_\_\_ - *you can know it*



- There are seven biblical NT mysteries:
  - 1) *The mystery of godliness – 1 Timothy 3:16*
  - 2) *The mystery of one body in Christ – Ephesians 3:1-10*
  - 3) *The mystery of Christ indwelling the believer – Colossians 1:27*
  - 4) *The mystery of the restoration of the nation of Israel – Romans 11:25-26*
  - 5) *The mystery of the rapture of the church – 1 Corinthians 15:51*
  - 6) *The mystery of iniquity – 2 Thessalonians 2:7*
  - 7) *The mystery of Babylon – Revelation 17:5*

b. The mystery of Christ – verse 6

- Jew and Gentile are become \_\_\_\_\_ body (*one new man*) in Christ

c. Paul is a \_\_\_\_\_ with God in this mystery – verse 7

- He is a steward – 1 Cor. 4:1-2