

The Manifold Wisdom of God Revealed  
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Ephesians 3:1-13

Introduction:

I. God reveals his p\_\_\_\_\_ clearly to us

Jews and Gentiles are... (v.6)

A. H\_\_\_\_\_ together

B. M\_\_\_\_\_ together

C. S\_\_\_\_\_ together

II. God reveals his w\_\_\_\_\_ powerfully through us

A. We are s\_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel

B. We have full a\_\_\_\_\_ to God

Conclusion:

Questions for reflection or small group discussion

- God produced tremendous change in Paul's life by revealing the truth to him (read Acts 9:1-22; also 22:1-21). How has God changed you?
- Paul assumes his readers have heard of his changed life and God's commission to him to preach to the Gentiles. How might Paul have made this assumption? See Acts 19:10.
- The word 'mystery' factors significantly in these verses, but Paul's use of 'mystery' differs from the Greco-Roman culture. Read about the ancient mystery religions at <https://bible.org/article/paul-and-mystery-religions>.
- Unlike the secrecy of certain societies and mystery religions, the audience for the "mystery of Christ" (v.4) is whom, according to Eph 3:9?
- As with chapter 2:1-10, God's grace resounds in 3:1-13. Write down some of the ways you experience God's grace.
- According to Eph 3:10, God's wisdom is "manifold" through the church. How has Paul previously described God's wisdom and its revelation in this letter? See Eph 1:7-10; 17ff.
- Paul sets "the church" at the center of God's eternal plan in Christ Jesus as a means for revealing his wisdom (v.12). How does our culture view the church? How do you view the church?
- *"How can I ever let God's **grace** fully work in my life unless I live in a community of people who can affirm it, deepen it, and strengthen it? We cannot live this new life alone."* – Henri Nouwen
- How confident are you, that, "In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence" (v.12)? Compare Heb 4:16. Express your appreciation and/or need to God in confident prayer.