

PAUL'S PERSONAL DETOUR

Ephesians 3:1-13

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I. Revealing God's Mystery (vss 1-7)

¹ For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles – ² assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³ how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ 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. ⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷ 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.

When Paul speaks of “mystery,” he is speaking of God's eternal plan which He has kept hidden, only to be graciously revealed in His own perfect timing.

Scripture for further study:

- *Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1-3, 4:2-4*
- *Romans 16:25-27*

