

THE WORLD'S GREATEST MYSTERY

Series: *Identity: Who We Are in Christ*

(A Close-up Look at Ephesians)

– Ephesians 3:1-13 –

The mystery is that people who have never heard of God and those who have heard of Him all their lives (what I've been calling outsiders and insiders) stand on the same ground before God. They get the same offer, same help, same promises in Christ Jesus. The Message is accessible and welcoming to everyone, across the board.

Ephesians 3:6 (*The Message*)

I. The Mystery Concealed (vss. 1–5)

II. The Mystery Revealed (vss. 6–9)

1. We are _____ together

2. We are _____ together

3. We are _____ together

III. The Mystery Realized (vss. 10–13)

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this passage?
2. Like Paul preached to the Gentiles, who reached out to you and encouraged you with the Gospel?
3. How does your attitude toward the church compare and contrast with Paul's?
4. As you consider your own life, how much ownership can you claim to the statement Paul makes in verse 7? Is this a picture of your life as well?
5. How would you compare Paul's mission to share the mystery of the Gospel with your own passion to share the Gospel?
6. What wonderful benefit of being in Christ is mentioned in vs. 12? On a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high), with how much "freedom and confidence" do you approach God?