

## The Beauty of the Church

Ephesians 3:1-13

Context: Paul was about to pray but digressed to further explain God's plan for the church age (Ephesians 3:1, 14).

- I. **Paul's Beautiful Privilege**: Paul was chosen to unveil God's plan to unite Jews and Gentiles in the Church (Ephesians 3:2-6).
  - A. Paul's Assignment: The "mystery" of the church was uniquely revealed by God to Paul (3:2-3).
  - B. The Church age: The church was not known in the Old Testament – and no one knew it was coming (3:4-5).
  - C. The Mystery revealed: The mystery of the church was that Jews and Gentiles are joined equally in Christ (3:6).
  
- II. **God's Beautiful Intent**: God established the church to display His grace (Ephesians 3:7-13).
  - A. Impact on Paul: Paul felt wonderfully and graciously privileged to reveal the church (3:7-9).
  - B. Impact on Angels: The angels worship God for his wise plan to unite a great variety of people in the church (3:10-11).
  - C. Impact on Believers: We should approach God confidently in prayer and not be discouraged as we serve the cause of Christ (3:12-13).