

## The church – God's big surprise

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- I. GOD'S ASSIGNED PAUL TO UNVEIL GOD'S BIG SURPRISE – THE CHURCH (Ephesians 3:1-6).
  - A. Paul's task: He revealed the mystery of the church (1-3).
  - B. The church age: Jews and Gentiles are spiritually one (4-6).
    1. No one knew the church age was coming (4-5).
    2. In the church God unites all who believe the gospel – giving them identical status and promises in Christ (6)
  
- II. GOD DESIGNED THE CHURCH TO SHOW EVERYONE HIS RICH GRACE AND WISE PLAN (Ephesians 3:7-13).
  - A. Paul told Gentiles about the incredible riches of Christ (7-9).
  - B. Angels are watching God's beautiful and wise plan to unite vastly different people in the church (10-11).
  - C. Because we are His church, we have direct access to God in prayer and encouragement as we serve Christ (12-13).