

Paul the Preacher to the Gentiles - [Ephesians 3:1-13](#)¹

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Open It

1. If you found buried treasure in your backyard, what would be your first course of action?
2. *Do you like to figure things out for yourself or get help as soon as possible?
3. How good are you at explaining things to others?

Explore It

4. Why did Paul go to prison? ([3:1](#))
5. How familiar was Paul with the company of believers at Ephesus? ([3:2](#))
6. What would the Ephesians have heard about Paul? ([3:2-3](#))
7. *To what mystery did Paul refer? ([3:2-3](#))
8. How did Paul receive insight into the mystery of Christ? ([3:4-5](#))
9. Who revealed the mystery of Christ to Paul? ([3:5](#))
10. When was the mystery of Christ disclosed? ([3:5](#))
11. *How did Paul reveal the mystery of Christ? ([3:6](#))
12. How was Paul enabled to be a servant? ([3:7](#))
13. What was Paul's attitude to his call? ([3:8](#))
14. What was Paul called to disclose? ([3:9](#))
15. Through what medium was God's wisdom communicated? ([3:10](#))

1. *Adult Questions for LESSONMaker*, (Austin, TX: Wordsearch, 1992), WORDsearch CROSS e-book, Under: "Paul the Preacher to the Gentiles - Ephesians 3:1-13".

16. *How did God accomplish His plan? ([3:11](#))
17. In light of God's work, how may believers approach Him? ([3:11-12](#))
18. Why were Paul's sufferings the glory of the Ephesians? ([3:13](#))

Get It

19. *How do you think Gentile believers responded to Paul's explanation of "the mystery of Christ"?
20. How should we all be involved in evangelism?
21. How can you serve others who need salvation?
22. What helps you to serve the Lord when it is inconvenient, awkward, or painful for you?
23. What gives you confidence and freedom in approaching God?
24. *How is sharing the gospel with someone like discovering priceless treasure?

Apply It

25. In the days ahead, what can you do to help outsiders feel welcome in your church?
26. *What can you do this week to help others understand the mystery of Christ's provision for sin?
27. What can you do this week to develop a patient spirit so that you will not become discouraged by suffering?