

# EPHESIANS 3:1-13

**Ephesians is split into two sections:**

Chapters 1-3: Assurance for living

You are Blessed! (1:1-14)

You are Saved! (2:1-10)

You are Accepted! (2:11-18)

You are Important! (2:19-22)

Chapters 4-6: Actions for living

## I. A Prisoner of Christ

Question: What is the “orienting” guide in your life?

What is your life mission?

### A. A Prisoner of Christ

Paul's life mission helped him to see his circumstances in light of his calling.

Paul's life mission helped him to see Christ's control where he had no control.

### B. A Prisoner For The Sake of the Gentiles

Paul's life mission helped him to see the impact upon those he served above the consequences in his own life.

## II. A “Manager” of God's Mystery

A mystery = something formerly unknown that has been made known by God. A secret revealed. A package unwrapped.

A manager = someone who is given responsibility to oversee something that belongs to another.

**A. He was appointed a manager by God's grace and then became a manager of God's grace.**

**B. Paul did not discover this mystery; it was revealed to him.**

**C. The job description of a minister is to reveal a mystery.**

The message of grace is for all.

1. Fellow-heirs of God
2. Fellow-members of the body
3. Fellow-partakers of the promise

### III. A Servant of the Good News

#### 3 Tools Servants cannot do without

Grace - Servanthood grows out of grace.

God's Power - Servanthood is energized by God.

Humility - Servanthood is enabled by our humility.

#### 4 spheres of influence for God's servants...

1. Grace given to me
2. To preach to the Gentiles
3. To make plain to everyone
4. To make known to the heavenlies

The “workplace” of God's servants is: the church

God's servants approach Him with

A. Freedom

B. Confidence

Servants place priority upon those whom they serve.

My sufferings = Your glory

“I pray that you will not lose heart.” Paul's greatest concern was not his struggles... but how those whom he was serving would respond to his troubles.