

“Prison Prayer Paused”

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Eph 3:1-13 Part II

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“This morning, we will see how God’s grace was driving Paul to prayer, yet, at the same time, causing him to pause and marvel yet again at how amazing God’s grace is, which in turn will drive our affection and doxology towards the Lord.”

Recap:

I. Prayer Paused: (v1)

- 1. Prayer:** *“For this reason” v1a (v14)*
- 2. Prisoner:** *“the prisoner of Christ” v1b*
- 3. Paused:** *“ – ”...v1c (transitions to digress v2-13)*

II. Pioneer Paul: (v2-13)

1. The Mystery: (v2-6)

- a) *“stewardship”* is from God to Paul. v2a
- b) *“God’s grace”* given through Paul to us. v2b
- c) *“revelation”* given to Paul. v3a
- d) *“wrote before”* to them by Paul. v3b-4a
- e) *“referring to this, you can understand”* Paul’s insight. v4b
- f) *“the mystery of Christ”* 1+1=1. v4c
- g) *“other generations”* was not made known. v5a
- h) *“now been revealed”* to His apostles and prophets. v5b
- i) *“revealed...in the Spirit”* His power. v5c
- j) *“to be specific”* in case you missed it. v6a
- k) *“Fellow members, heirs, partakers”* 1+1=1. v6b
- l) *“in Christ...through the gospel”* only one way. v6c

2. The Ministry: (v7-13)

- a) **Paul’s Position: v7-8a**
- b) **Paul the Preacher: v8b-9**
- c) **Paul’s Purpose: v10-12**
- d) **Paul’s Point: v13**

Conclusion: