

Ephesians 3:8-13

The Fulfillment of Paul's Responsibility

- I. Introduction to Paul's prayer (resumed in v. 14)*
- II. Digression from Paul's prayer (vv. 2-13)*
 - A. Paul's responsibility of grace (vv. 2-7)*
 - 1. *Paul's mission (vv. 2-6)*
 - 2. *Paul's ministry (v. 7)*
 - B. Paul's fulfillment in grace (vv. 8-13)*
 - 1. The person of Paul in God's plan (vv. 8-9)
 - a. He preached the riches of Christ to the Gentiles (v. 8)
 - b. He illuminated the mystery for everyone (v. 9)
 - 2. The purpose of God's plan (v. 10)
 - a. To make known...
 - b. The manifold wisdom of God...
 - c. Through the church...
 - d. To the principalities and powers in heavenly places.
 - 3. The realization of God's plan (v. 11)
 - a. An eternal plan...
 - b. Realized in Christ.
 - 4. The result of God's plan (v. 12)
 - a. Confident access to God...
 - b. Through faith in Christ.
 - C. Paul's appeal in trials (v. 13)*
- III. Return to Paul's prayer (vv. 14-19)*