



## Sermon Points

**Week 9 - 11.13.22 | Tyler Wilson**

**Title: The Mystery & Mission of the Church**

**Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-13**

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Main Point: In God making His purpose known to us, we find our purpose to make Him known in return - through both the verbal proclamation of His gospel and the visual demonstration of His church.

Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-13 ESV - For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles-- assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him. So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

Ephesians 1:9-10 ESV - making known to us **the mystery of his will**, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, **to unite all things in him**, things in heaven and things on earth.

- The mystery of the gospel is THE CHURCH!

What's driving Paul is joy-filled gratitude for the spectacular grace Jesus has shown him.  
Is that what's driving us?

Revelation → Declaration

Made Known → Make Known

Mystery → Mission

TO BE SAVED IS TO BE SENT!

Ephesians 3:8 ESV - To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the **unsearchable riches of Christ**,

- Knowing Jesus and making Him known is an endless treasure.

### **Our Purpose: The Verbal Message Shared**

#1 - EXPLAIN - bring to light the eternal plan of God

#2 - PROCLAIM - preach the unsearchable riches of Jesus

Explain	Proclaim
Teaching	Preaching
Truth	Treasure
Story	Glory

### **Our Purpose: The Visual Message Displayed**

Do you know this gospel?

Have you said yes to it & made it your own?

Do you understand its message and feel its magnitude?

### **Our Purpose - Make Him Known**

Verbal Message shared in words / Visual Message displayed in the church

Know the truth → Take the truth

Recipients → Instruments

Beneficiaries → Missionaries

Worshippers → Witnesses

Grace-Addicts → Grace-Announcers

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### **Let's Make Jesus Known Verbally**

- 1 - Do you talk about Jesus with people who don't know him? If not, why not?
- 2 - When you talk about Jesus, do you just explain him or do you also proclaim him?

### **Let's Make Jesus Known Visually (The Church)**

1 - Is the church an optional event to attend when it conveniently fits my schedule or is it an essential people to belong to that is always worth the difficulty and inconvenience?

#1 - The church is central to God

#2 - The church is central to Others

#3 - The church is central to You

- 2 - Where are you critical or cynical towards the church?
- 3 - Where are you casual or cautious towards the church?
- 4 - Where are you cold or calloused towards the church?
- 5 - What's keeping you from wholehearted commitment towards the church?