



Ephesians Route 66

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-What types of things/events have you been through that have made you think differently about life?

-If you could inherit anything, what would you want to inherit?

-What is the legacy you want to leave?

Ephesians 3:1-5

*"For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, **the mystery made known to me by revelation**, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand **my insight into the mystery of Christ**, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets."*

What is this Mystery Paul is referring to?

Ephesians 3:6

"This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus."

What is the Gospel?

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures..."

Why is this mystery so important?

-Does your family know the name of God?

-Have you made Him Known for Generations to come?

Paul continues...

Ephesians 3:7

"I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power."

-What would cause you to devote yourself to someone or something?

Ephesians 3:8-13

***"Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me:** to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration (the process of running or the activity of the Gospel/Church) of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was **that now, through the church**, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him **we may approach God with freedom and confidence**. I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory."*

God's plan is to use the Church to make Him Known.

How can we do that?

What does it mean to you that God has included you in salvation and NOW wants to use you?

You are worth so much to the Father.

So much that he gave his only son!

Don't be discouraged in any way. Christ has overcome the world.

The Mystery revealed to Paul & the Gospel message reminds us of the hope & purpose we have in Christ!

How are you going to make God Known?