

# “Knowing and Living out God’s Eternal Mystery” 1/19/20

## Ephesians 3:1-13

### Sermon Series: *Living out God’s Riches for God’s Glory*

**WHY IS THE WORLD IN SUCH A MESS? HOW DID IT GET THIS WAY? MATTHEW 12:22-29**  
“Heavenly places” in Ephesians- 1:3; 1:20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12

**Ephesians 1:20-21** which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

**Ephesians 6:12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

### LESSON 1- The REVEALING of the Mystery

- A. The mystery was revealed to Paul, a PRISONER of Jesus.
- B. The mystery of ONE BODY was never before revealed.
- C. The mystery was revealed by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT

### Mystery of Christ was not fully known nor understand in the OT

- 1) The death of Jesus as the payment for sin and separate from 2<sup>nd</sup> coming
- 2) The abrogation of the Mosaic law under the New Covenant
- 3) One body of equal access for Jew and Gentile
- 4) Nearness of God- The Trinity Indwells Us

### LESSON 2- The Eternal PURPOSE of the Mystery

- A. The purpose is to show the grace of the mystery. Paul considered himself to be the LEAST of all believers.
- B. The purpose is to show how God outsmarted the ENEMY  
*“Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” Colossians 2:15*
- C. The purpose is to show we have BOLDNESS in our access.

### Theology in Application:

- 1) The eternal sovereign plan/purpose of God (Ephesians 1:11; 3:11)
- 2) God is always wiser than evil. Are you a prisoner of Christ?

**Discipleship** *A disciple will submit to God’s plan with faith and obedience!*  
**Moment**

**Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples**