

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 3/22/09

SERIES: BENEFITS OF SALVATION

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Ephesians 3:1-13](#)

TITLE: “UNSEARCHABLE RICHES IN CHRIST”

INTRO:

1. Don't let the chapter break distract/the truth of chapter 2 _____ right into chapter 3.
2. After emphasizing the purposed unity of Jew/Gentile believers, it's Paul's intention to pray for them.
3. Parenthetical expansion of the mystery teaching...
4. Sense the excitement and _____ that Paul had for Christ's work of reconciliation.

PROPOSITION: The eternal riches that God has prepared for believers cannot be fully comprehended by our finite minds.

- I. THE MYSTERY OF THE GOSPEL, *Ephesians 3:1-6*.
 - A. Paul's Introduction/"Prisoner"... *verse 1 & 2*.
 1. Apostle to Gentiles, cf. [Romans 15:14-19](#).
 2. Immense _____ from Jewish enemies, cf. [Acts 21:27-32](#).
 - B. The Dispensation Of God's Grace, *verse 2*.
 - C. The Revelation Of The Mystery, *verses 3-5*.
 1. Already revealed, *verse 3*, cf. [Ephesians 2:11-22](#).
 2. Understandable, *verse 4*.

3. Not fully _____ known in past dispensations, *verse 5*.

D. The Constitution Of The Mystery, *verse 6*, cf. [Romans 11:11-19](#)

II. THE DECLARATION OF THE MYSTERY/ “MINISTER”, *Ephesians 3:7-13*.

A. Paul Was Placed Into The Ministry/Humility, *verses 7-8a*, cf. [Jeremiah 1:4-10](#).

B. Paul And Others Ministered As Called, *verses 8b-9*.

1. _____ “unsearchable riches” to Gentiles.

2. Clarify the administration of the “mystery”.

C. Ministry Is Rarely Easy And Seldom Welcome, *verses 7-9*, cf. [Jeremiah 20:8-13](#).

D. The Purpose Of This Ministry, *verses 10-13*.

1. To _____ God’s wisdom, *verses 10, 11*.

2. To encourage believers, *verses 12, 13*, cf. [1 Timothy 6:11-16](#).

CONCLUSION:

1. “Do you know my Jesus?”
2. He is the ETERNAL ONE/love and serve Him with all your heart!