

EPHESIANS 3:5-6

LESSON 16

The Mystery of Christ

1. Ephesians 3:5 – Not Made Known Before

- a. “not made known” in other ages = time; and generations = people; see Col 1:26
- b. “as it is now” – hidden in prophecy but not understood?
 - i. When was it hid? Before the world. Where? In God – Eph 3:9 (Jesus 2Ti 1:9)
 - ii. If it was prophesied, then it denies Rom 16:25, 2 Tim 1:9, Gal 1:12, Eph 3:9
 - iii. But also – then what was understood cannot be the mystery!
- c. Hid from *before* the world – 1 Cor 2:7, Titus 1:2, 2 Tim 1:9, Rom 16:25
- d. Not hid before the world began → Luke 1:68-70, Acts 2:29-30, 3:21, 1Pe 1:9-10
- e. “now revealed unto”- Revealed after the cross, after Acts 2,3,4 ... and before Acts 28

2. Ephesians 3:6 – Mystery Among the Gentiles

- a. 3 things listed here about Gentiles (which makes it unique) – Acts 22:21-22
- b. “fellowheirs” [with Christ] – see Rom 8:17, Eph 1:14,18
 - i. ...by grace, not law – Rom 4:13-14; Gal 3:18,4:7
- c. “the same body” [of Christ] - see Eph 1:22-23, Eph 2:15-16, 1 Cor 12:27
 - i. ...a new creature, not Israel – Made one body by the Spirit – 1Co 12:13
 - ii. The Spirit that revealed the mystery, but not yet in Acts 2-8! (2:38, 8:12+)
- d. “his promise in Christ by the gospel” [of Christ/grace] – see Gal 3:14, Eph 1:13
 - i. ... by Christ/cross, not by covenants - Ti 1:2, 2 Tim 1:1, by ... Eph 2:13,16,18
 - ii. By the cross and at the cross are different – by = means of; at = time/place
 - iii. The 12 preached the gospel of the kingdom, circumcision, new covenants
Heb 4:1,6:12,10:36, Ja 2:15, 2 Pet 3:4,9; 1 John 2:25, 29

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