



 Tri-City Baptist  
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*Ministers – Every Member*

# SERMON NOTES

## God's Great Mystery Revealed

**Speaker:** Pastor Ken Endean

**Text:** Ephesians 3:1-13

*Recognizing the greatness of God's plan, revealed through the church,  
causes you to serve with conviction.*

### I. The Mystery Explained

» A Biblical mystery is truth that was \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ but is now \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. The Mystery \_\_\_\_\_

When you understand the greatness of God's plan...

A. You can face \_\_\_\_\_ with  
confident assurance in God's direction (vv. 1 & 13).

B. You will recognize your \_\_\_\_\_ in the greater context of  
God's new creation (v. 6).

C. You will serve in \_\_\_\_\_ reverence because of God's grace (v. 7).

D. You will strive to display God's \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 8-10).

E. You will \_\_\_\_\_ through the  
work of Christ (vv. 11-13).

# WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:12 tells us that God's Word is alive and powerful and discerns the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. In 1 Timothy 4:13, Paul instructs Timothy, the pastor at Ephesus, to "give attention to reading" of Scripture. At Tri-City Baptist Church, we are intentionally Word-driven. Our taking time to publicly read the Bible is a practical way that we can obey the Bible and highlight this aspect of our ministry philosophy. Join us this morning as we read...

## Ephesians 5:1-21

### FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

#### **Ephesians 3:1,13**

How does Paul describe himself in these verses? To what does Paul attribute his being a prisoner? Read Acts 21:26-33. Why was Paul arrested? How did Paul's arrest advance the cause of Christ? (See Philippians 1:12-14.) How do we normally view adverse circumstances? How can we develop the attitude that Paul displayed?

#### **Ephesians 3:2-7**

What does Paul say about the mystery he is discussing? What is a Biblical mystery? Read Romans 16:25-26. How does this mystery impact his Gentile audience? What phrases speak of the unity there should be among believers? How did Paul view his service to the Lord? How can understanding what God is doing through the church motivate us to guard the unity of the Body and advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

#### **Ephesians 3:8-13**

What is Paul's goal in preaching? How did Jesus Christ change Paul's life? How has your life been transformed by God's grace? Why do Christians struggle to share the Gospel? How can developing a Biblical perspective of what God is doing motivate you to tell others? How can you encourage others to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ?