

The Cutting Edge

Ephesians 3:1-13

Main Idea

The Church is a bigger deal than you think.

- God's grace as a responsibility entrusted to us: Ephesians 3:1-3; 1 Corinthians 9:16-17
- The revelation Paul received gave him a _____ to preach the gospel
- The revelation of the mystery to the sons of men: Ephesians 3:4-6; 1 Peter 1:10-12
- God's plan to bring the Gentiles into His family through Jesus has finally been revealed
- God's grace as a gift that keeps on giving: Ephesians 3:7-9, 4:7&16; 1 Peter 4:10
- God gifted Paul His grace with the purpose of _____ and saving the Gentiles
- The result of the mystery in the heavenly places: Eph 3:10-13; Colossians 2:13-15; 1 Peter 1:12
- The Church is on the cutting edge of what God is doing in the cosmos

Implications

- Each believer is a recipient of God's grace. Each believer is responsible for administering God's grace to others.
- Each believer has received revelation of the good news of Jesus. Each believer is responsible for sharing the good news of Jesus with others.
- God's purpose for the Church was worth Jesus dying for. God's purpose for the Church is worth our suffering for.
- Jesus's victory over His spiritual enemies and His inclusion of us in God's spiritual family should be cause for encouragement regardless of our physical circumstances.

Application

- Discover the gifts God has given you and use them to serve others.
- Pray for opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with those around you.
- When your faith life feels dull, disappointing, or discouraging, remember Jesus's cosmic victory, His inclusion of you in God's family, and the access He gives you to the Father.

Discussion

- How has God gifted you to serve your church and community?
- How can you find hope in the spiritual realities Paul describes even when your earthly circumstances feel discouraging?