

The Mysterious Church Ephesians 3:1-13

Mystery # 1 Revealed:

The _____ Power of the Cross (Eph 3:3-6)

⇒ Eph 1:9-10, Eph 2:11-13

⇒ Eph 3:6

_____ heirs, members of the _____ body,
Partakers of the _____

Mystery # 2 Revealed:

The _____ Wisdom of God (Eph 3:9-10)

⇒ Revealed to the rulers and authorities in the heavenlies!

Examples of Manifold (Varied) Wisdom:

⇒ Eph. 1:21, Eph. 2:6-7

⇒ PETER AGREES ... 1 Peter 1:12

⇒ Jesus Says Something Similar About The Church (Matt 16:18) - ***The _____ of Hell Shall not _____ !!***

1700 Years of Proof:

The Great Scattering—Acts 8:1-3

The Fall of Jerusalem (AD 70)

Monasticism Saves the Church (400-500's)

The Great Schism (1054)

The Reformation (1500's)

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- 1) In your daily life have you seen the cross unify people of varying backgrounds (Eph 3:3-6, Eph 1:9-10, Eph 2:11-13)?
- 2) How does it make you feel that if you are a follower of Christ, you have been "raised up with Him (Christ) and seated with Him in the heavenly places" (Eph 2:6-7)?
- 3) Are you truthfully in AWE of the 'manifold wisdom of God' and His church like the Angels and Rulers/Principalities are (Eph. 3:10 & 1 Peter 1:12)? What steps would you need to take to come closer to this kind of AWE? Or another way to look at it, how can you move toward treating church as a Sacred and Holy part of your life?
- 4) What parts of the church history segment of this sermon really surprised you or got you thinking? What are your thoughts about the church today and its place in History?
- 5) Do you agree with Pastor Matt that we may be in a time of "Sifting and Shifting" in the church? Share with the group what you think Historians will write about the church of 2020 in say another 10 years or so.