

# Servant of God's Unveiled Mystery

*Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 66*

*Ephesians 3:7-9*

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For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you, the Gentiles – <sup>2</sup> assuming that you heard of the stewardship, which is the grace of God given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that by revelation the mystery was made known to me (just as I wrote before in brief), <sup>4</sup> respecting which you are able, while reading, to perceive my comprehension in the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as now it has been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit,

<sup>6</sup> that the Gentiles are co-inheritors and co-body-members and co-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the good news, <sup>7</sup> of which I was made a servant by virtue of the gift, which is the grace of God given to me by virtue of the working<sup>1</sup> of His power. <sup>8</sup> To me, less than the least<sup>2</sup> of all holy ones, was this grace given: to tell the good news of the untrackable wealth of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to enlighten all *as to* what is the stewardship of the mystery which has been hidden away from the ages in God, who created all things,... [DJP]

## Introduction:

### I. How Paul Received His Assignment (vv. 7-8a)

#### A. As a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7a)

1. What Paul was made: a \_\_\_\_\_ (*diakonos*)

2. How this was accomplished

a. As a *gift*

Romans \_\_\_\_:15–16

Romans \_\_\_\_:4–5

b. As *grace*

3. Reflection

1 Corinthians \_\_\_\_:4–7

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<sup>1</sup> Or *exertion, operation*.

<sup>2</sup> Word probably coined by Paul; very literally “least-er.”

**B. As the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7b)**

Romans \_\_\_\_:6-8

1 Corinthians \_\_\_\_:10

1 Timothy \_\_\_\_:14-15

**C. With \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8a)**

1. Reasons for

1 Timothy \_\_\_\_:13-15

1 Corinthians \_\_\_\_:9

2. Effects of

**II. How Paul \_\_\_\_\_ His Assignment (vv. 8b-9)**

**A. As Bringing \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 8b)**

**B. As Bringing \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9)**