

Getting

Connecting the Family
of God to the Purposes of God

Connected

Main Idea:

As the family of God, the church must be connected to the purpose of God.

Ephesians 3:1-7

1. For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles 2. Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was made given to me for you, 3. That is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. 4. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5. which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus 7. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.

Ephesians 8-13

8. Although I am the least of all God's people, this grace was given me to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9. and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God who created all things. 10. His Intent was that now through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, 11. according to his eternal purpose, which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. 12. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. 13. I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are for your glory.

Paul informs us what this looks like through a:

- A Conversation
- An Administration
- A Demonstration

Mystery- (grk.) is musterion

.....Means that which is hidden



Galatians 3:23&24

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Administration- grk. is oikonomos

- Oikonomos means house order, proper conduct

14. Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing these directions to you, so that if I am delayed you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, 15. which is the pillar and the foundation of the truth.

1 Timothy 3:14 & 15



Philippians 1:27 & 28

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel 28. without being afraid of those who oppose you. This will be a sign to them that they are perishing and that you are being saved and that by God.

Titus 1:11-14

11. For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12. It teaches us to say no to ungodliness and worldly passions and to live self controlled upright and godly lives in this present age, 13. while we wait for the blessed hope- the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14. who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all ungodliness and to purify for himself a people his very own, eager to do what is good.