

**Series: UNIFIED**  
**Title: Glorious Mystery**  
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Keep in mind that Ephesians is a big-picture book. Paul talks about predestination, how grace and works go together and in Ephesians 3 he talks about mystery that's been hidden since the beginning of time, etc. Chapter 3 has two parts and Bob covered the first. Read that in Ephesians 3:1-13.

1. Why was Paul in jail?
2. Why does he say that he's a prisoner of Christ? Wasn't he a prisoner of Caesar? Why is that important, and what mentality should we imitate here?
3. From 3:1-2 Paul defines ministry is being *for* someone. He was for the Gentiles. Sometimes knowing what group of people you are for is the single most important indicator of where you should serve. Who then, are you "for"? Who are you called to serve, and how is that going? Is there a group that your small group is for? Maybe pray that He would you to them.
4. Looking at 3:6, Romans 16:25-27 and Colossians 1:27, how would you succinctly explain the mystery?
5. What's so surprising about it?
6. What's not so surprising? Read Romans 15:8-12
7. Several times in Ephesians Paul talks rulers, authorities and powers in heavenly places. He does that in 1:3, 20; 2:6; here in 3:10, and 6:12. Who are these "more-than-human" people" in the unseen heavenly realms? Here's a link from an evangelical scholar I find helpful.  
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=dr.+michael+heiser+youtube+videos&view=detail&mid=EE54F47EE27A7B2479FD&FORM=VIRE>
8. Who are our Gentiles today, the least likely you can imagine coming to God? Who do you want to pray for that few would ever expect to trust Jesus? Take some time to pray for them.
9. Bob called us to live in the mystery. What does that mean in day-to-day living?
10. What else spoke to you in this week's message?