

**Review**

1. The challenge to manage well the grace of God given to us following the example of Paul.
2. To learn to serve humbly as a minister.
3. To serve according to the gift of the grace of God by means of the working of the power of God.

**A personal appreciation of the grace of God given**

“To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given,” (Eph 3:8)

1. To me
  - a. εμοι...personal pronoun
  - b. Paul was making reference to himself
2. The perspective of Paul concerning himself
  - a. ελαχιστοτερω...elachistoteros...The very least...less than the least
  - b. παντων αγιων...pas hagios...all saints
  - c. The less than the least of all the saints
  - d. This was Paul's way of looking at himself
3. The grace of God was given to Paul
  - a. εδοθη...didomi...give
  - b. The use of the passive

**The purpose of the grace of God given**

**1. The grace to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ**

“that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,” (Eph 3:8)

- a. ευαγγελισασθαι...euangelizo...to evangelise
  - i. Infinitive of purpose
  - ii. The grace of God was given with the purpose for Paul to preach, evangelise

b. Among the Gentiles

i. εν τοις εθνεσιν...en ho ethnos...in the nations, Gentiles

ii. Paul was to preach in the midst of the Gentiles

c. The unsearchable riches of Christ

i. ανεξιχνιαστον...anexichniastos...incomprehensible, unsearchable

ii. The unfathomable riches of Christ

iii. All that has been taught about Christ and more...it is pass finding out

iv. Paul's purpose was to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ

## **2. To bring light to all concerning the fellowship of the mystery**

“and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;” (Eph 3:9)

a. φωτισαι...photizo...to shed light, to enlighten

b. Infinitive of purpose

c. The second purpose is to enlighten the brethren to see what is the fellowship of the mystery

d. The fellowship of the mystery

i. The mystery is the Gentiles should be fellow heirs of Christ (Eph 3:6)

ii. οικονομια...oikonomia...stewardship, management

iii. It is to reveal the management of the mystery of Christ

iv. αποκεκρυμμενου...apokrupto...To hide, conceal

v. This mystery had been hidden in God from the beginning

vi. It is God who has managed this mystery through the grace of God

vii. This is part of the sovereign plan of God as Creator