保守秘密 Paul's Stewardship on Mystery

以弗所書 Ephesians 3:1-13

- ¹因此,我這為你們外族人的緣故, 作了為基督耶穌被囚禁的保羅, 為你們祈求
- ²想必你們聽過 神恩惠的計劃, 他為你們的緣故賜恩給我,
- 3 藉著啟示使我可以知道這奧祕, 就像我以前在信中略略提過的。
- 4 你們讀了,就可以知道我深深地明白 基督的奧祕。
- 5 這奧祕在以前的世代並沒有讓世人知道,不像現在藉著聖靈啟示了聖使徒和先知那樣

- 6 這奧祕就是外族人在基督耶穌裡, 藉著福音可以 同作後嗣,同為一體,同蒙應許。
- 7我作了福音的僕役,是照著 神的恩賜; 這恩賜是按著他大能的作為賜給我的。
- 8 我本來比聖徒中最小的還小, 神還是 賜給我這恩典,要我把基督那測不透的 豐富傳給外族人,
- 9並且使眾人明白那奧祕的救世計劃是甚麼 (這奧祕是歷代以來隱藏在創造萬有的 神裡面的),

- 10 為了要使天上執政的和掌權的,現在藉著教會都可以知道 神各樣的智慧。
- 11 這都是照著 神在我們主基督耶穌裡 所成就的永恆的旨意。
- 12 我們因信基督,就在他裡面坦然無懼, 滿有把握地進到,神面前。
- 13 因此,我懇求你們,不要因著我為你們所受的苦難而沮喪,這原是你們的光榮。

- 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 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 people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.
- ⁶ 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.
- ⁷I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.

- ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless 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 that 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 your glory.

Introduction:

Paul's in prison 保羅被囚禁 (1)

God sent Paul 上帝賜職分 (2)

God revealed him上帝的啟示(3)

They know Paul 信徒應明白 (4)

1. 基督的奧秘 The Mystery of Christ (5-6)

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 - c. 藉著教會都可以知道神各樣的智慧。 through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known

- 3. 聖徒的榮耀 The Glory of Saints (12-13)
- a. 因信基督,就在他裡面坦然無懼, 滿有把握地進到 神面前。 In Him and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.
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not to be discouraged because of Paul's sufferings for the saints of Ephesians, which are their glory.

- 1. "We don't go to church, we ARE the C H U R C H!!" 我們不上教會,我們就是教會
- 2. "Everybody gets to play!"人人有份參與
- 3. "Every member a missionary!" 每位會員都是宣教師 傳道人
- 4. "God's church doesn't have a mission, God's mission has a church!" 神的教會沒有使命,神的使命包含教會