Paul – Minister of the Mystery to the Gentiles (3:1-13)

1 **For this cause, I**
- = **Paul,**
- = **the prisoner**
  - of Christ Jesus
  - on behalf of you, the Gentiles,

2 **if, indeed, ye did hear of the stewardship [administration, dispensation]**
- **of the grace of God**
  - which was given to me towards you,
- = 3 **namely, that He made known the mystery**
  - by revelation
  - to me
  - (as I wrote before briefly [lit., 'in a little, in a few']
    - 4 by which ye are able to understand my insight
      - when you read it
      - in the mystery of the Christ,
        - 5 which was not made known
          - in other generations
          - to the sons of men,
          - as it was now revealed
            - to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit),
- = 6 **that the Gentiles should be**
  - **joint – heirs**
  - **and joint – body**
  - **and joint – partakers**
    - of His promise
  - **in Jesus the Messiah**
  - **through the gospel,**
    - 7 of which I became a servant
      - according to the gift
        - of the grace of God
          - given to me
            - according to the working of His power;

8 **this grace was given to me,**
- = the less than the least of all the saints,
- **to preach the riches**
  - unsearchable
  - of the Christ,
  - among the Gentiles
- 9 **and to enlighten all**
  - **as to what is the plan of the mystery**
    - which was hidden
      - from the beginning of the ages
      - in God,
        - who created all things through Jesus Christ,
      - 10 **[hina] in order that the wisdom might now be made known**
        - **untraceable**
        - **of God**
        - **to the principalities**
        - **and to the authorities**
        - **in the heavenlies**
        - **through the ecclesia**
        - 11 according to the eternal purpose
          - which He accomplished
            - in Christ Jesus
              - = our Lord
- 12 in whom we have the freedom and the access
  - in confidence
  - through the faith
    - of him,

13 **therefore I ask you not to lose heart**
- **in my tribulations**
  - **on behalf of you**
  - **which is your glory.**