

经文：以弗所书三 1-13

圣经信息系列《以弗所书》：II.新社会（保罗特有的光荣），116-132 页

导师们必读页面：神赐给保罗的启示，或保罗得知的奥秘（119-121）；结论（128-131）

1. 保罗笔锋一转，指向自己在神对外邦人旨意中的特别位置。‘奥秘’一词何解？保罗了解的‘基督的奥秘’所指为何？
2. 以弗所书第三章上半部最重要的教训，乃是教会那合乎圣经的重要地位。请本着这段圣经的亮光，用时间讨论一下自己对教会的态度，并且为此祈祷。
3. 我们很容易把信耶稣当成是“多”一件事，然后信主之后把“教会生活”加在自己的行事历上。你觉得你说的话、做的事，怎么影响别人有这种印象？把自己放在教会的中心这种态度（简单来说：教会为我做些什么，我为教会可以做什么），它怎么影响我们在基督里的成熟长大？
4. 我们有时候设定追求抽象的目标，但是看到活生生的人，却无动于衷。你有这样吗？想一个最近的例子吧。

Passage: Ephesians 3:1-13

BST coverage: New Society (Paul's unique privilege), pg. 113--130

Compulsory reading for teachers: The divine revelation to Paul, or the mystery made known to him (pg. 116-118); Conclusion (pg. 126-130)

1. Paul turns now to his own special role in God's purpose for the Gentiles. What does the word 'mystery' mean? What does Paul understand to be the 'mystery of Christ'(3:4)?
2. The major lesson taught by this first half of Ephesians 3 is the biblical centrality of the church. Spend some time discussing and praying over your own attitudes to the church in the light of this passage.
3. It is easy to think of "Christian" as an add-on to our lives, and "church" as an add-on to our Christian lives. What things do we or say that betray this add-on view of life? What does this me-in-the-center approach do to our maturity in Christ?
4. When have you recently passed over real people in pursuit of an abstract goal?