

Ephesians 3:1 – Summary

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For this reason I Paul, the prisoner

Τούτου χάριν ἐγὼ Παῦλος ὁ δέσμιος

of Christ Jesus on behalf of you

οὐ χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν

the nations (Gentiles)

ἐθνῶν

EPHESIANS 3:1 (Summary)

1. “By reason of this”; “This” is a noun used as preposition.
2. The word “this” is used to refer to the fact that the Age of Israel was interrupted by the Church Age.
3. The Age of Israel was moving along, and then suddenly was interrupted – 10 days after Jesus Christ ascended, Pentecost came. This was the beginning day of the Church Age.
4. Paul is saying here: the Age of Israel has been stopped, and the Church Age has begun; and if you are going to have victory *IN LIFE*, you must know something about this new age (Study Here: [Understanding the Church Age versus the Age of Israel](#)).
5. Paul is about to pray (vs. 14) and just before he starts, he interrupts himself with a *MESSAGE* – revealing that two great concepts must be explained:
 - (1) The *Mystery* (3:1-6), and
 - (2) The *Ministry* (3:7-13)

Ephesians 3:1 – Summary (Continued)

6. After the explanation of these two great Biblical subjects, Paul will then be able to deal with comprehending truth, and the magnificent *abundant life*. Paul desires these Ephesians to know (and God desires that *we know*) that these two Biblical subjects must be thoroughly understood before true victory can be achieved. Believers today *MUST* have an understanding of the *mysterion* concept $\mu\upsilon\sigma\tau\acute{\eta}\rho\iota\omicron\nu$.
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7. Note: Paul used the personal pronoun (*ego* ἐγώ). This is not pride, but *confidence*. Pride is a *SIN* – *confidence is not!* Paul knew what had happened to him, and he knew where he was going.
8. Paul said *I am a prisoner of Christ Jesus*. He is under house arrest awaiting trial under the current Caesar – but did not say, *I am a prisoner of Caesar* – *BUT CHRIST JESUS! HE KNEW WHO WAS IN CHARGE*.
9. Paul did not hesitate to use the personal pronoun, and it was confidence – and not pride. He is not a complainer; he just simply *states* his condition (*Desmios* – δέσμιος – prisoner).
10. In vs. 1, we see God's human writer – the communicator of God's message to the Gentiles. Paul is a man of authority. Even though Paul uses the personal pronoun, it does not reveal that he is an egotist.

Consider now:
PRIDE OR CONFIDENCE