

The Stewardship of God's Grace

Ephesians 3:7-13*

The Apostle Paul was given “the stewardship of God’s grace” (3:2), in other words something of great value was entrusted to the apostle. *Grace* is used in its fullest and widest sense of the undeserved favor of God that brings to men and women all that they need for living a Christian life. But Paul also uses it a number of times to express the privilege of being given a work to do for Christ, and to denote the particular task allotted in his service (cf. Rom. 12:3, 6; Eph. 4:7). In his own case it was the amazing favor of being called to be an apostle (Rom. 15:15–16; 1 Cor. 3:10; Gal. 2:9) and that to the Gentiles.¹

The reward and resource of grace (7-8a)

The riches of grace (8b-9)

The revelation of grace (10-12)

The resoluteness of grace (13)

* These notes are prayerfully provided to aid, not replace, your personal study of God’s Word.

¹ Francis Foulkes, *Ephesians: An Introduction and Commentary*, vol. 10, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1989), 97–98.