

SUNDAY INTO MONDAY

PORTADOWN
BAPTIST
WORSHIP WALK WITNESS

"Sunday into Monday" is designed to help all of us take away some key points from one of the messages we have heard together as a church family. We all know that it is possible to listen to a sermon, even appreciate it, but appropriating and applying what God says in His word is crucial to our worship of Him and our Christian living.



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"This grace was given to me - the least of all the saints - to proclaim to the Gentiles the incalculable riches of Christ, and to shed light for all about the administration of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things" - Ephesians 3:8-9



THE MYSTERY OF THE CHURCH

EPHESIANS 3:1-13



The Church is God's masterpiece, the stunning revelation of His purposes in salvation, and the great means of His receiving glory now and in eternity. This morning we dwelt together on Paul's rhapsodic celebration of the mystery of God's purposes in uniting Jew and Gentile to Christ and one another, through faith. The range of the redemption of the Church is eternal, and the message

communicated by a rescued people united in Christ reaches right to the 'rulers and authorities' in heaven'. We have learned today (and will be learning in coming weeks) that the Church is no small or marginal thing, but is the very heart of what God is doing in the world and is at the very hub of how we understand who we are in Christ.



FOR REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

- In what ways is it possible to entertain low views of the Church? How has this manifested itself in your own thinking, or in the thinking of other Christians known to you?
- Take time this week to read through Ephesians 3 as many times as possible. Some anchor points

for your reading will be to consider the exalted nature of God's plan and purpose for the Church, and your own response to this in terms of identification and commitment to Portadown Baptist Church.

Eternal God, I bless You for Your multi-faceted wisdom. I thank You that Your ways are not our ways, Your thoughts not our thoughts. Thank You for the mystery and marvel of the Church. Thank You that in Your Son You are uniting Jew and Gentile, forming a whole new society of people by Your grace.

Forgive me for low views of the Church and fill me with conviction about and commitment to what You are doing in gathering us spiritually and physically. Thank You in Jesus' name for the privilege of being counted among Your people. Amen.

A PRAYER



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