Be A Servant of Christ Jesus Sierra Baptist Church AM – 6-11-2017 Ephesians 3:1-6

Become A Prisoner of Christ Jesus. v.1

For me to live is Christ and to die is gain. Philippians 1:21 NASB

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God , who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20 NASB

Be A Good Steward of God's Grace. v. 2

Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. 1 Corinthians 4:1 NASB

I don't care about my own life. The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me-to tell people the Good News about God's grace. Acts 20:24 NCV

Accept The Authority of Scripture. v. 3-5

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NASB For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face, that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself. Colossians 2:1-2 NASB

And most certainly, the mystery of godliness is great: He was manifested in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the Gentiles, believed on in the world, taken up in glory. 1 Timothy 3:16 HCSB

Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, that is the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you the hope of glory. Colossians 1:25-27

Share The Mystery That Christ Is for Everyone. v. 6-7

"And as I began to speak, Holy Spirit fell upon them just as He did upon us at he beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say 'John baptized you with water, but you will be baptized with Holy Spirit.' When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also repentance that leads to life." Acts 11:15-18 NASB

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9 NASB