

Ephesians 2:11-3:13

The Mystery of Christ



Ch. 1 - A Hopeless Situation

2:11-12

11 Therefore, remember that formerly you—the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands—

12 remember that you were at that time without Christ, alienated from the citizenship of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Ch. 2 - Far to Near

2:13

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.



Ch. 3 - A Broken Wall

2:14-16

14 For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups* one and broke down the **dividing wall** of the partition

15 by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might create the two into one new man, making peace,

16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, having in Himself put to death the enmity.



Ch. 4 - Access Granted

2:17-18

17 AND HE CAME AND PREACHED THE
GOOD NEWS OF PEACE TO YOU WHO
WERE FAR AWAY, AND PEACE TO THOSE
WHO WERE NEAR;

18 for through Him we both have our
access in one Spirit to the Father.



ACCESS GRANTED



Ch. 5 - The Holy Household

2:19-22

19 So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,

21 in whom the whole building, being joined together, is growing into a holy sanctuary in the Lord,

22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

Ch. 6 - Steward of the Mystery

3:1-3

1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—

2 if indeed you heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you;

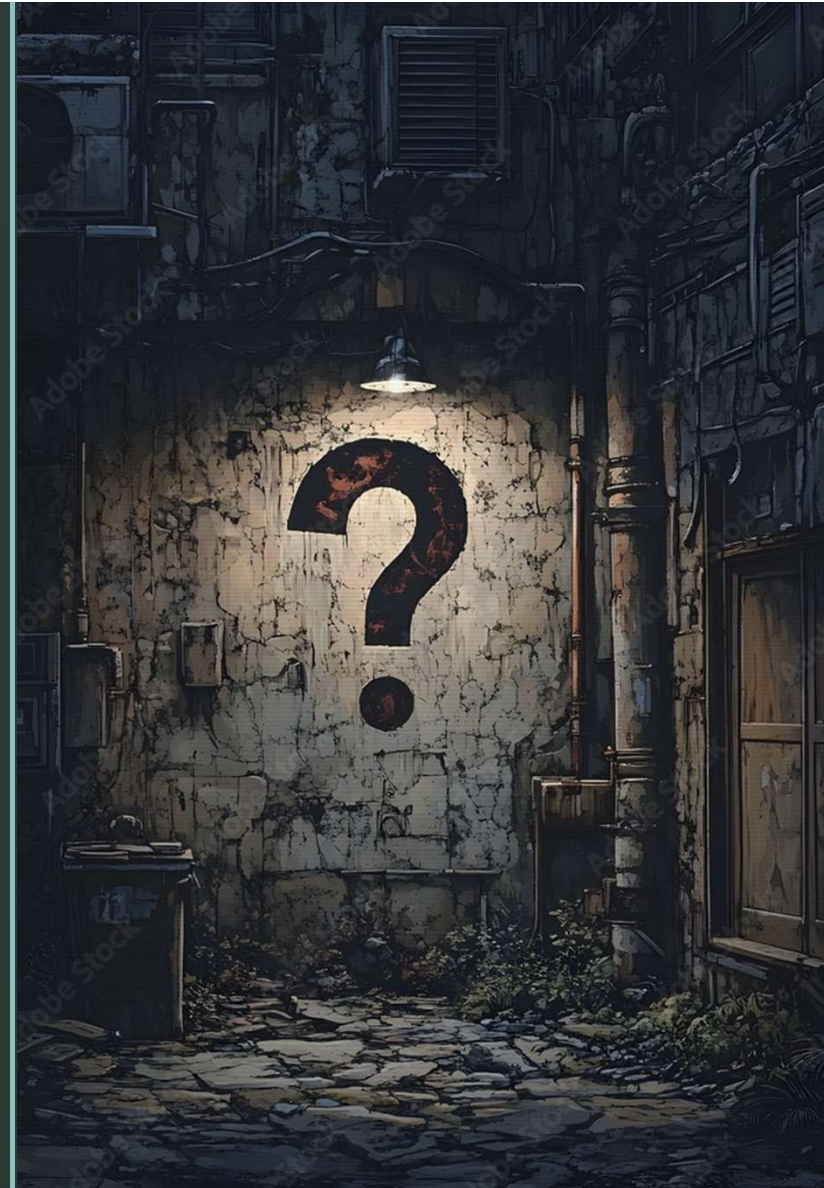
3 that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief.

Ch. 7 - Mystery Concealed

3:4-5

4 About which, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,

5 which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it was now revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit:

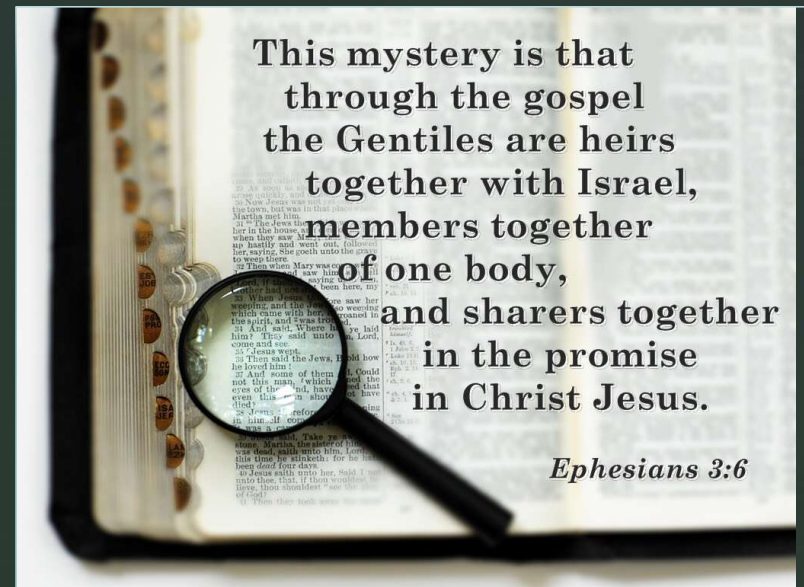


Ch. 8 - Mystery Revealed

3:6-7

6 that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel,

7 of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.





Ch. 9 - Mystery Proclaimed

3:8-10

8 To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to **proclaim** to the Gentiles the good news of the unfathomable riches of Christ,

9 and to bring to light for all what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;

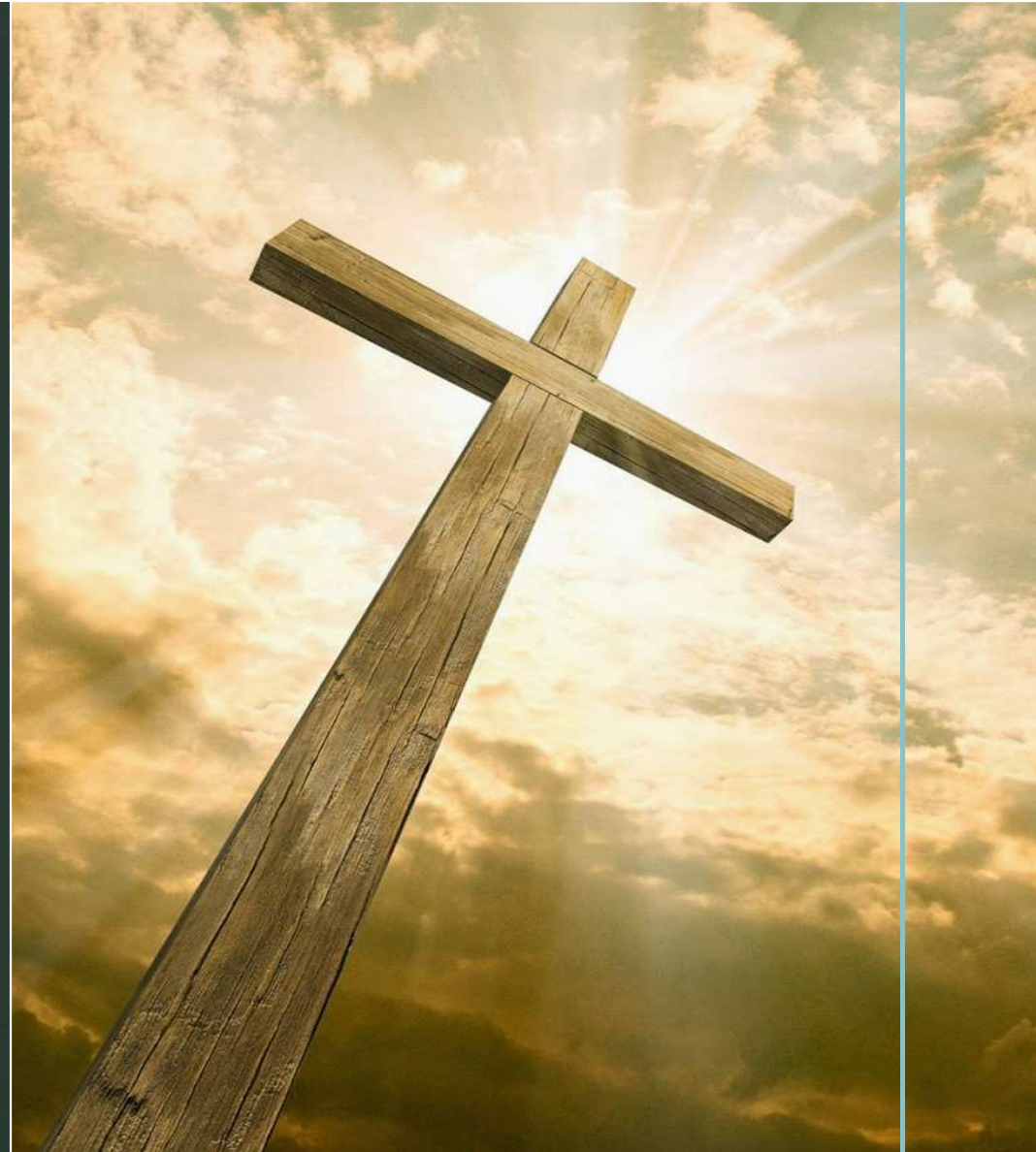
10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*.

Ch. 10 - The Hero

3:11-12

11 *This was* in accordance with the eternal purpose which **He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,**

12 in whom we have boldness and confident access through faith in Him.





Ch. 11 - Unbreakable Trust

3:13

13 Therefore I ask you
not to lose heart at my
afflictions on your behalf,
which are your glory.



The Moral of the Story