

(Theme Slide)

So I ask you not to lose heart . . .

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Often it is not for lack of knowledge that relationships between believers descend into horrid conflict.

-- It is commonly not a lack of information that yields what appeared to be committed Christians walking away from their faith.

-- It is not just because a follower of Jesus doesn't know what God has done for them through Christ, that they end up being legalistic, judgmental, and harsh in their treatment of themselves and others.

-- The problem goes deeper . . . or perhaps we could say that the problem is that the Good News of the Gospel does NOT go deep enough.

TR: How does the Apostle Paul address . . .



. . . the potential heart failure among the Gentile believers in the church at Ephesus?

TR: In Ephesians 3, the only action step that Paul asks the church to take is captured in verse 11 . . .

So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

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- Why would they lose heart that the Apostle to the Gentiles is a prisoner?
- Remember this is a “prison epistle/letter”
- We don’t know for sure but when I put myself in their shoes, I think perhaps that Paul’s imprisonment would suggest:
 - (1) that they may soon face the same fate of being persecuted for their faith
 - (2) that the Gospel is NOT powerful enough to triumph over the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places
 - (3) that the unity between Jew and Gentile is NOT real, since it was the Jews who persecuted the Apostle, seeking to kill him.
 - (4) that they really were NOT full citizens, full members, full partakers . . . perhaps they were just second class since “their Apostle” is behind bars.
 - (5) that perhaps the “law-free Gospel” (O’Brien’s term) has

been locked up and isn't really true.

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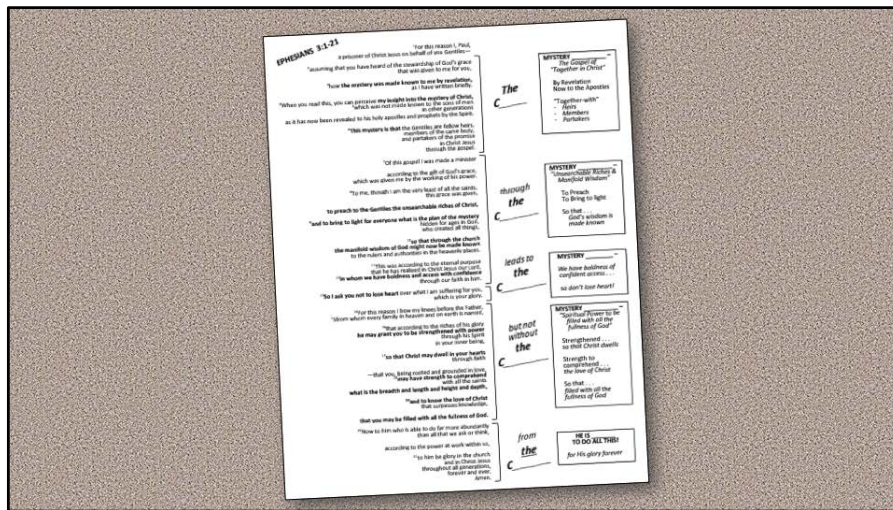
TR: And for us today, the question is . . .



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- ... How do we not lose heart?
- And, how do we help those we love not lose heart?
 - What can we do to address the epidemic of heart failure among those who used to profess faith?

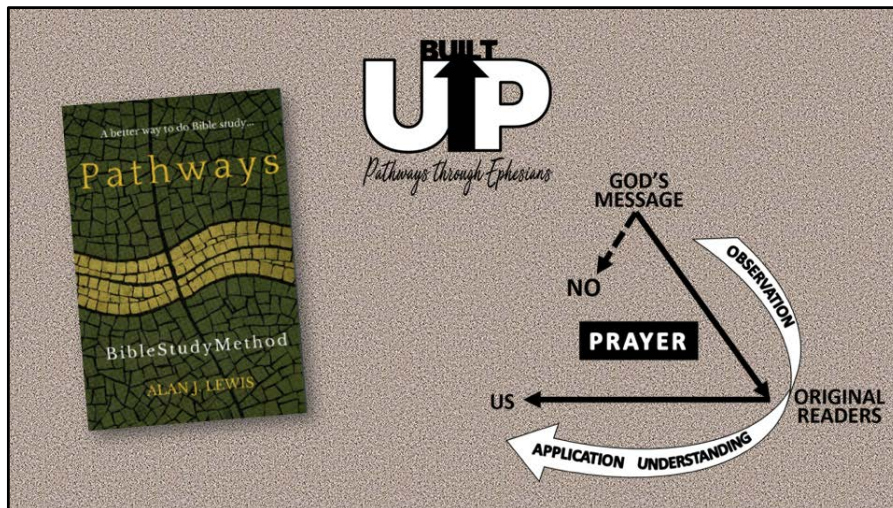
TR: The passage today is quite lengthy ...



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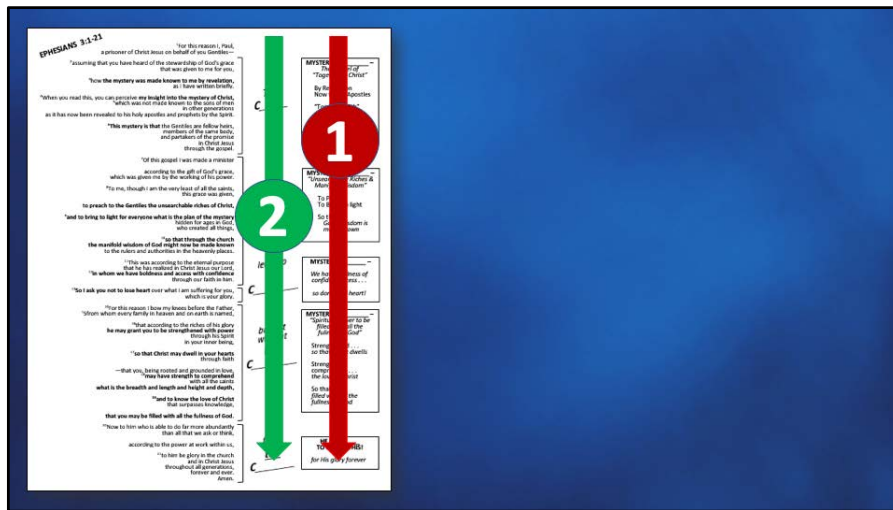
So, to help us stay together, I've included the text in a full-page notes page.

TR: I hope you've been doing . . .



. . . the Pathways Bible Study Method through Ephesians, as individuals and your small group.

TR: There are a bunch of details that we will step over today, but I really want you to understand the flow of thought. This flow is what has helped me remember what it will take for me not to lose heart . . . and how I can really help others not lose heart.



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This thought-flow is so important, that we'll go through it twice.
 -- In our notes that will be in the right column first, focused on the word MYSTERY, as found repeatedly in the passage.
 -- Then we'll go through the flow again, much quicker. The second time we'll focus on how we can learn from this passage what we need to not lose heart.

TR: Let's do our first run-through.

EPHESIANS 3:1-21

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 which was not made known to the saints of past
 as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.
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 and partakers of the promise
 in Christ Jesus
 through the gospel.
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 according to the gift of God's grace,
 which was given me by the working of his power.
 'To me, though I am the very least of all the saints,
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 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery
 hidden from ages,
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 that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,
 'In whom we have obtained an inheritance,
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 which is also your glory.
 'For this reason I have written to you, not so that you will be discouraged,
 but so that you will know that my imprisonment
 has many gains for you, as you can see by the results
 in your own hearts.
 'So that Christ may dwell in your hearts
 through faith—
 'That you, being rooted and grounded in love,
 may have strength to comprehend
 what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
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 that surpasses knowledge,
 that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
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The MYSTERY ...

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Most of the sections' heading begin with the word MYSTERY.

TR: Beginning in verse 1, let's read through verse 6

Ephesians 3:1-4 p. 1080 in handout Bibles

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, ³how **the mystery** was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into **the mystery of Christ,**

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TR: v. 5

Ephesians 3:5-6

which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This **mystery** is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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TR: Note these key things . . .

MYSTERY REVEALED –
The Gospel of “Together in Christ”

By Revelation
Now to the Apostles

“Together-with”
- *Heirs*
- *Members*
- *Partakers*

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. . . about the MYSTERY REVEALED.

-- Paul had this mystery made known to him BY REVELATION. It wasn't something he made up.

-- Along with the other apostles and prophets, this mystery was made known by the Spirit's revelation.

-- What is this MYSTERY (something previously hidden but now revealed)?

-- In verse 6, like back in chapter 2:5-6, we find compound words that begin with “WITH” or “TOGETHER WITH”

-- We were made alive TOGETHER WITH CHRIST, raised up and seated TOGETHER WITH HIM.

-- Here we are heirs, members, partakers (sharers) TOGETHER WITH the Jews.

-- Remember, in chapter 2:19, “you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”

-- And in verses 21-22, we learned we are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

TR: Paul is reviewing the MYSTERY REVEALED . . .



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. . . that we didn't get to the top of the fence post by ourselves.

TR: It has been the great work of Jesus to . . .



14

... take us from being far off and bring us so very near.

TR: The mystery is that both Jewish believers and Gentile/non-Jewish believers are ...



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... built together into a holy temple in the Lord.

TR: This MYSTERY has been made known to Paul through REVELATION.

EPHESIANS 3:1-12

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 that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,
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 through the blood of his flesh,
 so that you too may be brought in and
 inherit the glory,
 for this mystery has been hidden from the rulers,
 but now it has been revealed to his saints,
 so that you may know the love of Christ
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Paul then tells us more of this Gospel in verses 7-12, though verses 11-12 are kind of a transition section.

TR: Let's read this section . . .

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given . . .

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- You've noted the emphasis on grace . . . in verse 2 and now here in 7 and 8
- In verse 8 Paul says he is the very least. This is a bit of bad grammar . . . trying to make his point. He is the LEAST-EST.
- Cf. a kid calling something THE BESTEST. It may not be good grammar (it will be flagged by your spell checker) but it does communicate.

TR: Verse 8 then tells us of what Paul's ministry was that he was given . . .

Ephesians 3:8b-9

**. . . to preach to the Gentiles the
unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to
bring to light for everyone what is the
plan of the mystery hidden for ages in
God, who created all things,**

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TR: Verse 10

Ephesians 3:10

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

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-- Remember, the rulers and authorities are not government leaders but angels and other heavenly beings, including the fallen angels that are elsewhere called demons.

TR: The Apostle had the MYSTERY REVEALED to him, along with the other apostles and prophets. But he also was given the grace to make sure the . . .

MYSTERY DECLARED -

"Unsearchable Riches & Manifold Wisdom"

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So that . . .
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. . . MYSTERY WAS DECLARED

-- Specifically the end of verse 8 and 9 tell us that he was to preach the unsearchable riches,

-- . . . AND to bring to light the plan of the MYSTERY, the mystery God had revealed to him.

-- Verse 10 then gave us the SO THAT or the purpose or result of this ministry given to Paul . . .

-- . . . so that God's manifold wisdom is made known.

-- In Paul's writing to the Corinthians he said that the cross was the wisdom of God.

-- Here it is that God has made the Gentiles and Jews into one and the same body that manifests the sparkling brilliance of God's wisdom.

TR: Verses 11-12, in our notes, are with the section we just concluded because of the connecting words.

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But, in our run throughs of thought-flow, I have it starting another section.

TR: Look at the text and hopefully you'll see why I did that.

This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

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- The word **THIS** connects the sentence to what we just read.
- **THIS** mystery that Paul is to **DECLARE** so that the wisdom of God would be made known . . .
- . . . is the same mystery as God's eternal purpose in Christ.
- Remember back to chapter 1:9-10, ". . . according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him."

TR: But I connect it to what will come in verse 13, because the emphasis on boldness and confidence is tied conceptually to what Paul is asking them not to do . . .

Ephesians 3:13

So I ask you not to lose heart over what
I am suffering for you, which is your
glory.

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. . . which is NOT LOSE HEART.

TR: I labeled this . . .

MYSTERY LIVED -

*We have boldness
of confident access . . .*

so don't lose heart!

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the MYSTERY LIVED.

- The mystery that we are **TOGETHER WITH** heirs, members of the same body, partakers of the promise . . .
- The mystery **REVEALED** to Paul . . .
- The mystery **DECLARED** by Paul in his preaching and bringing the mystery to light . . .
- is the mystery that allows us all to have “boldness of confident access” through our faith in Jesus.
- It is the **MYSTERY LIVED** that allows us to **NOT LOSE HEART**.

TR: All this would make for a fantastic message but then Paul comes back to where he started in verse 1.

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 through the blood of His cross,
 that I might present to you in all glory
 what is the riches of the glory
 that we may share in this mystery.
 When you read this, you may know before the fathers
 what is the mystery of His will,
 that He has granted us in Christ Jesus our Lord,
 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts
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 That you, being rooted and grounded in love,
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The next section, from verse 14-19, is the completion of the Apostle's thought in verse one.
 -- In a real sense, verses 2-13 are a parenthesis. A very important one.

TR: Let's jump into the text . . .

Ephesians 3:14-16

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory **he may grant you to be strengthened with power** through his Spirit in your inner being,

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Note that FOR THIS REASON is how he started verse 1, even though he never completed the thought.

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TR: Verse 17

Ephesians 3:17-19

so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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TR: What is it that people who through the gospel have BOLDNESS OF CONFIDENT ACCESS need?

MYSTERY KNOWN -

*“Spiritual Power to be
filled with all the fullness of God”*

Strengthened . . .

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Strength to comprehend . . .
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So that . . .

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Paul prays that the MYSTERY WOULD BE KNOWN.

-- Note the thought-flow: He prays that they would be STRENGTHENED WITH POWER

-- SO THAT CHRIST WOULD DWELL IN THEIR HEARTS

-- Then, from that rooting and grounding in love of Christ dwelling in their hearts . . .

-- he prays that they would have STRENGTH TO COMPREHEND THE LOVE OF CHRIST

-- . . . that is unmeasurable and beyond fully comprehending.

-- The purpose or end to which he is praying is SO THAT THEY MAY BE FILLED TO ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD.

-- This fullness is what he talked about back in 1:23 about the church, “which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”

TR: The idea of being filled, individually and together with all the saints, with all the fullness of God is beyond imagination.

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And that's why Paul adds a doxology here. A section of just explosive praise.
 -- Like when I'm preparing a message and I just have to stop and pray, stop and cry, stop and sing.

TR: Paul worships when he writes . . .

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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TR: When we think about not losing heart and instead being filled to all the fullness of God, we remember . . .

HE IS ABLE
TO DO ALL THIS!

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- This passage is not just talking about taking care of our need for a new car or for facing chemo.
- It is not primarily talking about getting through school.
- It is talking about experiencing God presence, His dwelling, being filled with all the fullness of God.
- This is what is far more that we could ask or think . . . to know the beyond measure and beyond comprehending love of Christ.

TR: This is so fantastic; I want to run through the thought-flow one more time with you.

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 more than all that we ask or think,
 according to the power at work within us,
 'to him be glory in the church
 and in Christ Jesus
 through all generations
 forever and ever.
 Amen."

**The CONCERN =
LOSING HEART**

**The NEED =
BOLDNESS OF
CONFIDENT ACCESS**

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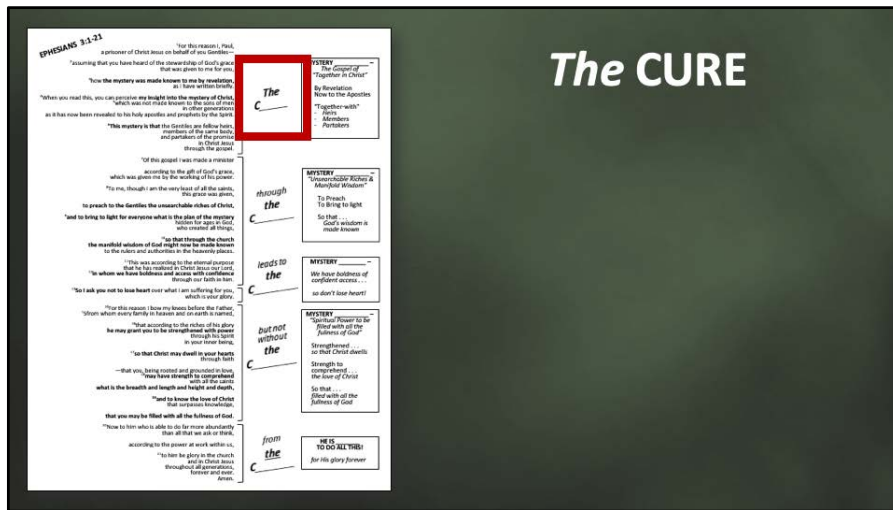
Remember, the concern was losing heart.

-- What we need is the boldness of confident access to God Himself.

-- People turn away from God and from other Christians when they feel like God isn't there for them.

-- But they too quickly measure His presence by the tangible blessings only, as they define blessings.

TR: But this passage has given me a huge ah-ha as I've studied it recently.



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The CURE for losing heart is the Gospel, specifically, the Gospel of the Mystery that has been revealed.

-- How our lives would change if we were truly SECURE in our new identity in Christ.

TR: The CURE is there, but there needs to be a delivery mechanism to bring the CURE to those who have the CONCERN of heart-failure



... that it should lead to the CONFIDENCE, the boldness of confident access.

-- Knowing that we can go into the very throne room of the King of Kings, and that He welcomes us to come boldly, as the letter to the Hebrews says elsewhere, we should be strengthened in our hearts.

TR: It is at this point that my big ah-ha smacked me upside the heart. As I think of those who have walked away from Jesus, I know that I had a great gospel and that I preached and brought to light the plan of that Gospel . . . so what was missing. Why did this CURE delivered through the CARRIER not seem to lead to the CONFIDENCE?

EPHESIANS 3:1-21

"For this reason I, Paul, apostles of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—
 'Assuring that you have heard of the ownership of God's grace
 that was given to me for you
 'Now the mystery was made known to me by revelation,
 as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit.
 'This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs,
 members of the promise,
 and partakers of the promise
 in Christ Jesus
 through the gospel.
 'Of this gospel I was made a minister
 according to the gift of God's grace,
 which was given me in the working of his power.
 'To me, though I am the very least of all the saints,
 this grace was given,
 to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,
 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery
 hidden from ages.
 'So that through the church
 the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known
 to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.
 'This was according to the eternal purpose
 that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,
 'In whom we have obtained an inheritance
 through the blood of his
 'So that you may not lose heart over what you are suffering for me,
 which is now being
 'For this reason (how my love before the Father)
 'Given whom every family in heaven and on earth is named
 'That according to the order of the ages
 he may grant you to be strengthened with power
 in his inner being
 'So that Christ may dwell in your hearts
 through love
 'That you, being rooted and grounded in love,
 'May have strength to comprehend
 what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
 'And to know the love of Christ
 that surpasses knowledge
 that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
 'Now to him who is able to do for me more abundantly
 than all that we ask or think,
 according to the power at work within us,
 'To him be glory in the church
 and in Christ Jesus
 through all generations
 forever and ever.
 Amen.

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 Now to the Apostles
 "Together with"
 - Sons
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MYSTERY
 "Unsearchable Riches of
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 To Preach
 To bring to light
 So that
 God's wisdom is
 made known

MYSTERY
 "We have business of
 confident access..."
 we don't lose heart!

PURPOSE
 "We are allowed to be
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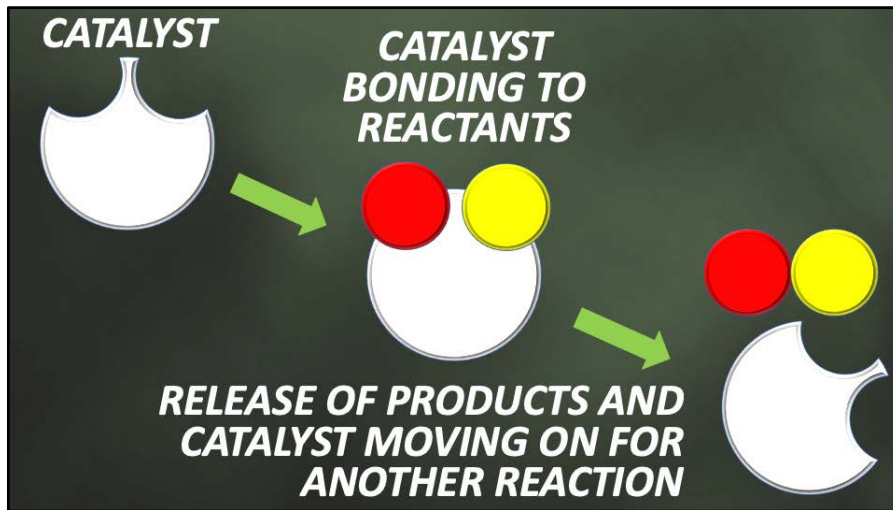
**HE IS
 TO DO ALL THIS!**
 For his glory forever

**The CURE
 through
 the CARRIER
 leads to
 the CONFIDENCE
 but not without
 the CATALYST**

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When I have taught this before, I separated the parenthesis from the main thought-flow. But when I put it together, it becomes clear that . . . READ SLIDE

TR: A very simple understanding of the role of a catalyst that I've adapted from a website trying to teach kids puts it this way . . .



REVIEW SLIDE

-- Many of our homes, our churches, our marriages, have got the red and yellow components . . .

-- that is, they have the CURE and they have the CARRIER, but without the CATALYST, we won't get to the CONFIDENCE.

-- The Catalyst is the Father working through the Spirit to STRENGTHEN US . . . SO THAT CHRIST DWELLS . . . SO THAT WE HAVE STRENGTH TO COMPREHEND AND KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST, SO THAT WE MAY BE FILLED TO ALL THE FULLNESS.

-- So that "God with us" is a reality and not just a book-learning.

TR: The only One Who can take the truth of the MYSTERY CURE and use the declaration of CARRIERS like us to actually help

people NOT LOSE HEART in the journey of this life, is God
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