"The Mystery of Christ"

Ephesians 3:1-21 Study Guide

Background and Theme

1. Author: The Apostle Paul

2. Audience: The church in Ephesus

3. Theme of Ephesians: Christ and the Church

- The Church Sitting in Christ (Ephesians 1-3)
- The Church Walking in Christ (Ephesians 4-6:9)
- The Church Standing in Christ (Ephesians 6:10-24)

I. Mystery Revealed

- **Key Word:** Mystery "mysterion" (Greek)
- **Meaning:** Truth hidden from human knowledge until revealed by God.

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II. Mystery's Purpose

III. Paul's Prayer

- 1. Strength
- 2. Love
- 3. Fullness

Verses Referenced: Acts 9:15, Acts 10-11, Acts 1:8, Colossians 2:9-10

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- 1. Paul says that this mystery was revealed to show the wisdom of God. What other things in scripture do we see revealed that show the wisdom of God?
- 2. Do you think the church being unified today speaks of God's wisdom and desire to save and unite everyone?
- 3. *Continuing off question 2* How can the church remain united in Christ so as to continue to show the wisdom and plan of God?
- 4. Paul's prayer for the church is an example for us as the church to follow, in praying for ourselves and the church at large. Do you find that you pray this way already, and if not, will you start?

This week, re-read Ephesians 3:1-21 and pray through the truths you find while reading. Find someone to discuss these verses with, and share the word with someone you don't know as well.

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