

Revolution ~ Part 5 ~ Mystery

Ephesians 3:1-21 (NIV)

(1) For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

The _____ is _____

(2) Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, (3) that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly.

(4) In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, (5) which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.

(6) This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

(7) I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.

(8) Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, (9) and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

(10) His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, (11) according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(12) In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. (13) I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.

The _____ is not _____ ,

but it is _____

(14) For this reason I kneel before the Father, (15) from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

(16) I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, (17) so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, (18) may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, (19) and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

The _____ is _____

(20) Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, (21) to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Journey Group Discussion

Discuss some things that come to mind when you think of mystery.

Read Ephesians 3:1-13

- Describe the mystery in your own words.
- What areas of struggle do you have with regards to this mystery?

Read Ephesians 3:14-19

- Put in your own words how wide, long, high, and deep the love of Jesus is and what implications that has for you?
- How has not grasping, knowing and/or being filled with the love of Jesus to your maximum personal capacity as defined by God impacted you? In your inner person? In your relationships?

Read Ephesians 3:20-21

- Try reading it emphasizing different words/phrases like Tim did.