

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

PAUL'S PRISON EPISTLE

CHAPTER 1:9-10

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TITLE:

"MAKING KNOWN THE MYSTERY"

THEME:

Ephesians 1:3

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with
Every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ*

INTRODUCTION

Movie Watching

Solving the Plot to a Movie *is half of the fun for me... First clue, The Title - The Opening
Scenes - the Players and their Rolls -*

One of the dead-ringers is the music that's playing behind
the scene!

It's the Movie that I can't figure out
That is the one I like the best, because of the "Mystery"

The Mystery is that there is something
awaiting discovery

Redemption is God Paying man's debt

The Provision of Redemption.... is God's grace

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

On What Basis are my sins forgiven???

**- THE Redemption that took place upon the cross
It is All by Grace**

Grace is Not Works.... Works is Not Grace

Ephesians 2:5

Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

Grace

Is God deciding to select, pick, ordain, chose you...
to like you - He Just Favored You

1.) The "Mystery Plan" of God

vv. 9a

A.) What is..... "The Mystery" of His Will?

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Mystery

GRK 3466 musterion (moos-tay'-ree-on)

To shut up something. To hold as a secret or through the idea of silence

This is NOT a Mystery that is Mysterious
This is a mystery that is of something that existed,
but was not known....

Existing in the heart & mind of God...
But Kept

A New Revelation to Us - Not Him

Ephesians 3:3

how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

IT IS OF A SUPERNATURAL ORIGIN AND NATURE

Mark 4:11

And He said to them, "To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables..."

Matthew 11:25

At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes..

1 Peter 1:10

Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

IT IS OF A SUPERNATURAL ORIGIN AND NATURE The Church is Being Used for His Glory

Ephesians 3:9

and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in heavenly realms,

Example of this was the Parabolic Teaching of Jesus

The parable was designed by God to lay the truth out before the hearer
How they understand that truth is revealing!!!

Luke 10:21

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."

The Mystery Being that Salvation would be
offered to All the World....

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST WAS TO THE JEW FIRST, TO ISRAEL.

The Saddest Verse in all the Bible...

John 1:10

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

Later Jesus would go to the Gentiles
and from there.... call to Himself
the body, the bride of Christ, the church

Colossians 1:26

the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Christ, the Lord, the Holy Spirit

1 Timothy 3:16

Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great: (#1) He appeared in a body, (#2) was vindicated by the Spirit, (#3) was seen by angels, **(#4) was preached among the nations**, (#5) was believed on in the world, (#6) was taken up in glory.

(CONTEXT, MARRIAGE)

Ephesians 5:32

This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

1 Peter 1:10

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2.) The “Mystery Pleasure” of God

vv. 9b

B.) How the “Mystery” was Determined

“According to His Good Pleasure” He Likes You

This Afternoon coming in on Delta Airlines from Idaho, a young couple had a six day old baby girl on the flight sitting right in front of me.... I got the biggest kick out of seeing the expression on the faces of the other passengers as they walked down the isles - (You look great - “O’ No - We Picked Her Out from all the rest”)

Isaiah 53:10

Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; he has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, he shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. (NKJ)

2 Timothy 1:9

It is GOD who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began

Titus 3:5

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit

It’s All according to “His Good Pleasure”

I Do What I (GOD) Want to Do....

According or Determined upon or by His Own Desires....

It was pleasing, wise, honorable to God to have provided
for you all that is needed

1 Timothy 2:5-6

For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ
Jesus, **who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,**

3.) The “Mystery Purpose” of God

vv. 9c

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Purposed

GRK 4388 protithemai (prot-ith'-em-ahee)

To exhibit, to show or to display to all.

God Can Do What He Wants to Do...

“Which He purposed in Himself”

The Eternal Plan & Purposes of God are
IN PROCESS

**All Goodness - All Evil - All Thoughts - All Deeds
All Intentions - All Motives - All Reasons - All Things**

5.) The “Mystery Timing” of God

vv. 10a

God Can Do What He Wants to Do... WHEN He Wants to Do It

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Dispensation GRK 3622 oikonomia (oy-kon-om-ee'-ah);

The administration of a house or estate. To conduct the economy of a house or venture. To be the governor over something (house management).

It's a picture of the Father of a Home
who is managing his house to bring it, in the end,
to a successful place - To Have A Goal In Mind

Every "Announcement" that's made in this world is a warning....

That Time & Seasons are moving is the reminder that all creation is working to a set moment of Time...

Revelation 11:15

Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying,
"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He
shall reign forever and ever!"

At God's Signal... it began.
And At His Command... it will be finished

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Fullness GRK 4138 pleroma (play'-ro-mah)

Repletion or completion, to fill up with contents, supplements.
To be filled up, to be fulfilling, to fill to the full, - fullness.

#1 THAT GOD WAS THE INITIATOR OF MAN'S
SALVATION

#2 IT TAKES INTO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE FALL

Galatians 4:4

But when the "fullness of the time" had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

(AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME - JUST IN TIME - AT THE RIGHT MOMENT)

1 Corinthians 2:7

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

Verse 10b

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Heaven

GRK 3772 ouranos (oo-ran-os')

The air around you, The atmosphere - sky above you. The heavens

(In Scope... From Heaven to Earth

The Scope of God's redemption and the depth of it too)

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Earth

GRK 1093 (ghay)

Means earth, the earth... not mars, not Pluto

REVELATION 5:1-13