

THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST EPH 3 (EPHESUS IN ACTS 19)

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FOR THIS REASON I, PAUL, A PRISONER OF CHRIST JESUS ON BEHALF OF YOU GENTILES **ASSUMING THAT YOU HAVE HEARD OF THE STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GRACE THAT WAS** GIVEN TO ME FOR YOU, HOW THE MYSTERY WAS MADE KNOWN TO ME BY REVELATION, **AS I HAVE WRITTEN BRIEFLY. WHEN YOU READ** THIS, YOU CAN PERCEIVE MY INSIGHT INTO THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST, 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.**

EPH 3:6-9

THIS MYSTERY IS THAT THE GENTILES ARE FELLOW HEIRS, MEMBERS OF THE SAME BODY, 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 BY 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 FOR AGES IN GOD, WHO CREATED ALL THINGS,



EPH 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. EPH 3:11 THIS WAS ACCORDING TO THE ETERNAL PURPOSE THAT HE HAS REALIZED IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD, EPH 3:12 IN WHOM WE HAVE BOLDNESS AND ACCESS WITH **CONFIDENCE THROUGH OUR FAITH IN** HIM. EPH 3:13 SO I ASK YOU NOT TO LOSE HEART OVER WHAT I AM SUFFERING FOR YOU, WHICH IS YOUR GLORY.



FOR THIS REASON I BOW MY KNEES BEFORE THE FATHER, FROM WHOM EVERY FAMILY IN **HEAVEN AND ON EARTH IS NAMED, THAT ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY HE** MAY GRANT YOU TO BE STRENGTHENED WITH **POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN YOUR INNER BEING, SO THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS THROUGH FAITH—THAT YOU, BEING ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE, MAY** HAVE STRENGTH TO COMPREHEND WITH ALL THE SAINTS WHAT IS THE BREADTH AND LENGTH AND HEIGHT AND DEPTH,

EPH 3:19-21

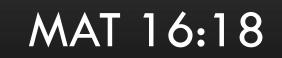
AND TO KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST THAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE, THAT YOU MAY BE FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD. NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE **ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR** THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL **GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.**



AND HE PUT ALL THINGS UNDER HIS FEET AND GAVE HIM AS HEAD OVER ALL THINGS TO THE CHURCH, WHICH IS HIS BODY, THE FULLNESS OF HIM WHO FILLS ALL IN ALL.

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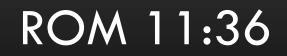
FOR IN HIM ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD WAS PLEASED TO DWELL, AND THROUGH HIM TO RECONCILE TO HIMSELF ALL THINGS, WHETHER ON EARTH OR IN HEAVEN, MAKING PEACE BY THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS.



AND I TELL YOU, YOU ARE PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.



THIS IS FROM GOD, WHO THROUGH CHRIST **RECONCILED US TO HIMSELF AND GAVE US THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION; THAT IS, IN** CHRIST GOD WAS RECONCILING THE WORLD TO **HIMSELF, NOT COUNTING THEIR TRESPASSES** AGAINST THEM, AND ENTRUSTING TO US THE **MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION. THEREFORE, WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, GOD MAKING** HIS APPEAL THROUGH US. WE IMPLORE YOU ON **BEHALF OF CHRIST, BE RECONCILED TO** GOD. FOR OUR SAKE HE MADE HIM TO BE SIN WHO KNEW NO SIN, SO THAT IN HIM WE MIGHT **BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.**



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FOR FROM HIM AND THROUGH HIM AND TO HIM ARE ALL THINGS. TO HIM BE GLORY FOREVER. AMEN.