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## **Ephesians Part 1: Riches of Grace Today's Sermon: The Mystery**

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# Ephesians Part 1: Riches of Grace

## The Mystery

(Ephesians 3:1-13 NIV)

### The Mystery's \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

<sup>2</sup>Surely you have heard about the administration of God's **grace** that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup>that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup>In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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**.

### The Mystery's \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>7</sup>I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's **grace** given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

### The Mystery's \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>10</sup>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, <sup>11</sup>according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished **in Christ Jesus** our Lord. <sup>12</sup>**In him** and through faith **in him** we may approach God with freedom and confidence. <sup>13</sup>I ask you, therefore, not to be discouraged because of my sufferings for you, which are your glory.