

In Christ: The Mystery of the Gospel
Ephesians 3:1-21 (Colossians 1:27)

The Mystery: A Sacred Secret Known to God, But, Unknown to the Natural Man - Eph 3:3,4,9

- Spiritual ministries are not solved by our brains but they can be received and lived by faith - Ro 16:25-26; I Cor 2:7
- Faith in Jesus Christ - Col 1:25-27
 - ...Who came to fully and finally reveal the Person of God - Col 2:9-10; Heb 1:1,2
 - ...Who came to fully and finally reveal the purposes of God - Eph 2:18-22
- All believers in Christ share in God's mystery as... - Eph 3:6
 - ..."co-heirs": we share the Spirit of Christ equally, in common - Eph 1:11; 4:7
 - ..."co-members": we share equal value, significance - Eph 2:19; I Cor 12:20-27
 - ..."co-participants": we share equal ability to live out His promises - Eph 2:21-22; 4:16

The Ministry: We Are All "Stewards" of the Mystery - Eph 3:2,7,9; I Cor 4:1-2

- We manage our God-given assets for the sake of others - Col 1:25; Eph 3:1,2; Matt 10:8
 - ...all are ministers, servants - Eph 3:7; 6:21
 - ...all are ministering agents in the public arena for the Master's purposes - Heb 1:14; Phil 2:17,30
- We grieve the Spirit when we put up "walls" and refuse to be for others - Eph 4:30

The Means: His Spirit - Eph 3:16

- We are each infused with the Supplied Life of Christ - Jo 1:16; Eph 3:8,16,17
 - ...an indwelling supply - Eph 3:16,19; Ga 2:20
 - ...everything Christ gives to us is livable - Eph 4:1
- We are each immersed in God's steadfast love - Eph 3:17-19
 - ...casting out the fears that keep us wrapped up in ourselves - I Jo 4:18
 - ...firmly anchored and safely immovable in love- Eph 3:17
- We are each indwelt by God's power - Eph 3:20-21
 - ...Divine purposes require Divine power - Eph 3:20; 1:19-23
 - ...Jesus Christ is the enabling, energizing, operative strength of His own kingdom - Eph 6:10; Phil 4:13