

# Ephesians

A CHURCH BUILT ON CHRIST

## Message Title: **De-Mystifying the Mysterious**

Ephesians 3:1-13 LSB | Sunday AM, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 | Jack Lamb

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—<sup>2</sup>if indeed you heard of the stewardship of God’s grace which was given to me for you; <sup>3</sup>that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. <sup>4</sup>About which, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup>which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it was now revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit: <sup>6</sup>that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, <sup>7</sup>of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God’s grace which was given to me according to the working of His power. <sup>8</sup>To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to proclaim to the Gentiles the good news of the unfathomable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup>and to bring to light for all what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*. <sup>11</sup>*This was in* accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in





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**Application Questions**

1. Some teach that it is okay to be angry at God when we suffer and that we should be honest in expressing our feelings. Is this at odds with Scripture?
2. How can a person who grew up in a Christian home get a deeper appreciation of God’s abundant grace in salvation?
3. Discuss: God permits problems in our lives to teach us more about the all-sufficiency of Christ. If true, what implications does this have for how we counsel one another?
4. What practical effect would it have if Christians realized that their daily behavior was revealing something to the rulers in the heavenly places?