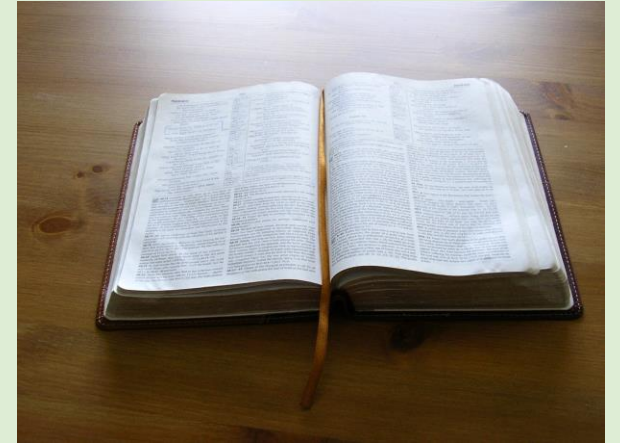


# God's Grace for Us and Others

*Key Text: Ephesians Chapter 3*



*Main Idea:* Paul's Letter to the believers in Ephesus speaks of mystery of Christ revealed, the purpose of this mystery and the appreciation of the mystery.

What is this mystery?

Is it accessible to all?

If so, how shall we pray for ourselves to share this mystery and how shall we pray for others to receive it?

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How does God see us?

*("You Say" by Lauren Daigle)*

In Jesus, we find our worth. In Jesus we find our identity.

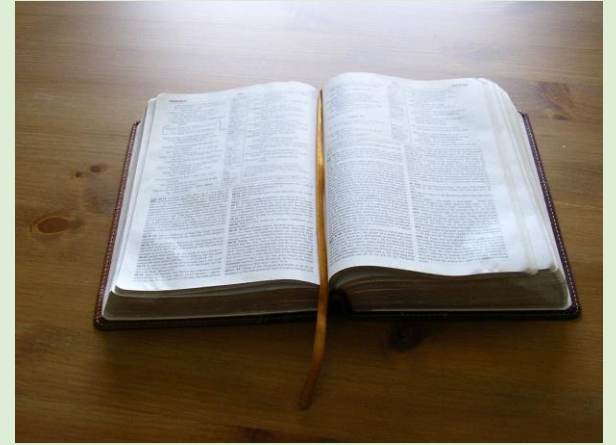
*Ephesians 1: 3-6*

V. 3 – Our Heavenly Father has blessed us

V. 4 – Our Heavenly Father has chosen us.

V. 5 & 6 – Our Heavenly Father has predestined us to adoption

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*Ephesians 1: 7-12*

V. 7 – The Mystery of Godhead.

V. 9 – The mystery of God's will.

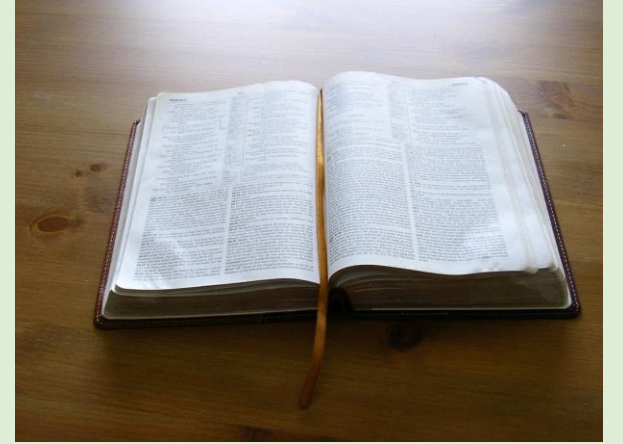
V. 11 – In Christ, we have also obtained an inheritance.

V. 12 – Here is our choice.

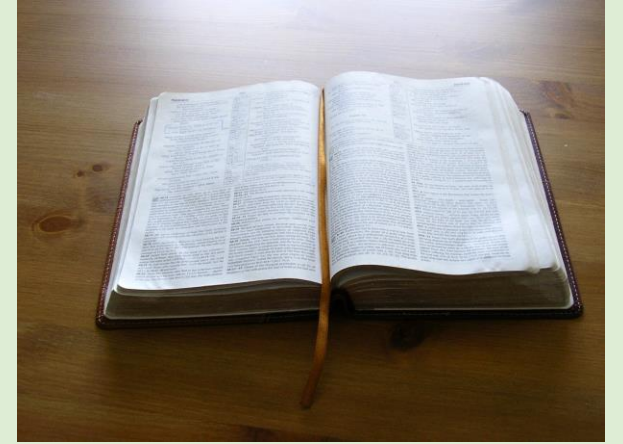
Grace is a true unmerited and undeserved gift from God.

What could grace look like in our lives?

“For by grace you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves:  
it is the gift of God.” *Ephesians 2:8 NKJV*



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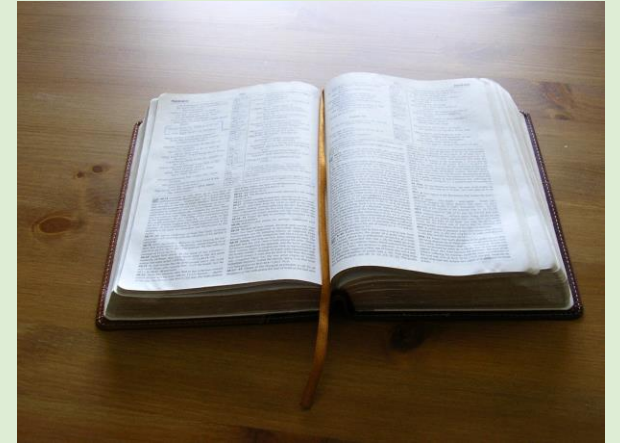
The Mystery Revealed – *Ephesians 3: 1-7*

V. 5 - the mystery had now been revealed by who?

V. 6 – Who should be fellow heirs and partakers of God's promise in Christ through the gospel?

The gift of salvation, the gospel of Christ, the forgiveness of sins is open to all.

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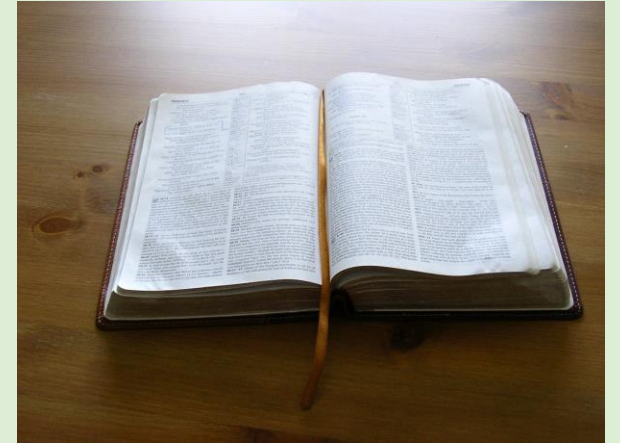
The Purpose of the Mystery – *Ephesians 3: 8-13*

V. 10 – What is the intent or purpose of this mystery revealed?

It is that God's wisdom might be made known to us by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.

1 Peter 1:12 - Imagine, teaching God's angels the mystery of God's will, His grace and love, He has shown to us!

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The Appreciation of the Mystery – *Ephesians 3: 14-19*

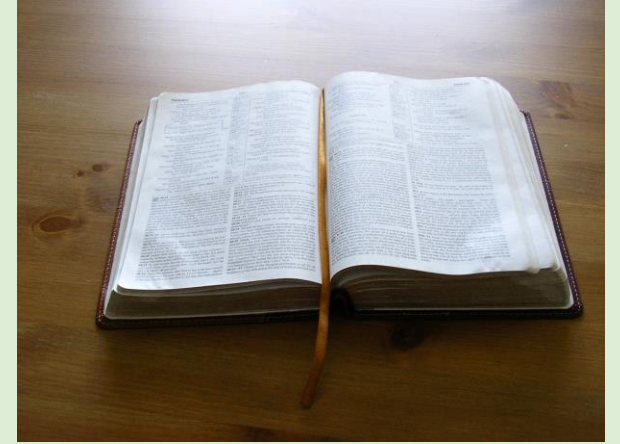
V. 14 – How does Paul suggest we show appreciation of this mystery of God? Pray! Ask! Invite Christ to live in our lives! Ask that we may know God ...

Consider how Jesus invited His disciples to connect with this mystery.

Think of 5 people you can pray for over the few weeks.

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## Summary



We are told to look upon others as Jesus has looked upon us.

We have been challenged to pray for others, to pray for the work, to make prayer the work.

Our Triune God has taken the first step, even before the foundation of this world to show us His love. How then should we respond?

Renew our lives daily in Christ, committing our lives to obey Him, to live for Him. Turn to His Word often and pray, pray, pray.

Ephesians 3:18,19: The width, length, depth and height of God's love, grace and mercy surpasses all our understanding!