

# EPHESIANS

“the church...is His body, the  
fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

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- I. Paul's Stewardship of the Revelation of the Mystery (vv. 1-13)
  - A. The Content of Paul's Stewardship: The Mystery Revealed (vv. 1-7)
    - a. Paul is a prisoner of Christ Jesus for the Gentiles.
    - b. The dispensation of the grace of God – the revelation of the mystery – was given to Paul for the Gentiles. (vv. 2-3a)
      - i. He has briefly written already. (v. 3b)
      - ii. When they read, they can understand Paul's knowledge in the mystery of Christ. (v. 4)
    - c. It was previously unknown to men but is now revealed by the Spirit to the apostles and prophets. (v. 5)
      - i. Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body. (v. 6a)
      - ii. Gentiles are partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel. (v. 6b)
      - iii. Paul became a minister according to the grace given of God by His power. (v. 7)

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    - a. Paul was given the grace of stewardship to preach the riches of Christ among the Gentiles. (v. 8)
    - b. To make all see the fellowship (administration) of the mystery which had been hidden in God from the beginning. (v. 9)
    - c. To make known the manifold wisdom of God by the church to principalities and powers. (v. 10)

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    - d. According to God's eternal purpose accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. (v. 11)
      - i. In Christ we have boldness and confident access through faith. (v. 12)
      - ii. Do not lose heart at Paul's tribulations, which is your glory. (v. 13)

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  - A. His Prayer That They be Filled with the Fullness of God (vv. 14-19)
    - a. Paul bows in prayer before God from whom the whole family is named. (vv. 14-15)
    - b. That God would grant them to be strengthened through His Spirit in the inner man. (v. 16)
    - c. That Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. (v. 17a)
    - d. That, rooted and grounded in love, they can comprehend the dimensions of Christ's love which passes knowledge. (vv. 17b-19a)
    - e. That they may be filled the fullness of God. (v. 19b)

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  - B. His Doxology (vv. 20-21)
    - a. God can do more than all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. (v. 20)
    - b. To Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus forever. (v. 21)