

digging DEEPER

1. What did you learn from our study of The Mystery of the Church in Ephesians 3 that you did not already know? What one change do you purpose to make in your life as a result of this study?
2. Do you like mysteries? Why? If so, what is your favorite mystery show on TV? What makes that program so captivating to you?
3. Why is the Church called “a mystery”? Why was the church not known to the Old Testament prophets?
4. How are you “a mystery”, biblically speaking, to the world? How does the uniqueness and mysteriousness of the church benefit the world?



DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

- Has the Church replaced Israel? Why or why not?
- Why is the resurrection called “a mystery” (1 Corinthians 15:51-57)?

The Mystery of the Church



Ephesians 3

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Ephesians 3:1-12

¹ For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles—² if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, ³ how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, ⁴ by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), ⁵ which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: ⁶ that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, ⁷ of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. ⁸ To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; ¹⁰ to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, ¹¹ according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

What is a Mystery?

What is the “Church”?

I. 10 NT MYSTERIES CONCERNING THE CHURCH

1. _____ (1 Timothy 3:16)
2. _____ (Colossians 1:26-28)
3. _____ (Ephesians 3:2)
4. _____ (Revelation 1:12)
5. _____ (Matthew 13)
6. _____ (1 Corinthians 15:52)
7. _____ (Romans 11:25)
8. _____ (Revelation 17)
9. _____ (Ephesians 5:22-25)
10. _____ (Ephesians 1:9-10)

II. 10 NT METAPHORS DESCRIBING THE CHURCH

1. _____ (1 Corinthians 3:16)
2. _____ (Ephesians 2:22)
3. _____ (1 Corinthians 3:9)
4. _____ (Ephesians 2:15)
5. _____ (John 10:16)
6. _____ (1 Corinthians 3:9)
7. _____ (1 Timothy 3:15)
8. _____ (1 Timothy 3:15)
9. _____ (Ephesians 1:22-23)
10. _____ (Ephesians 5:25-27)