

*The Mystery*

REVEALED




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- Eph 3:6 This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.
- <sup>7</sup> I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. <sup>8</sup> Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me...



- Eph 3...: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. NIV



# God had a secret plan

- Before time began God created a plan
- The Plan was to bring the love of God to Gentiles
- Eph 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love<sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will




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- He chose us in him before the creation of the world
- He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ
- Why? “in accordance with his pleasure and will”
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- God administered his grace-
  - planned it out
  - Sequenced it
  - Made every detail come into place
- the mystery made known to me by revelation
- which was not made known to people in other generations
- it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets.



### 3. What is God's plan?

- <sup>3:6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.



So  
What?

- God has always been in control
- Nothing surprises God
- Every person matters to God
- No person is left out of God's family
- Pedigree doesn't matter to God
- God "predestined" the adoption of your family into His family
- You belong!

