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<sup>1</sup>FOR THIS REASON I, PAUL, A PRISONER OF CHRIST JESUS ON BEHALF OF YOU GENTILES—<sup>2</sup>ASSUMING THAT YOU HAVE HEARD OF THE STEWARDSHIP OF GOD'S GRACE

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THAT WAS GIVEN TO ME FOR YOU, <sup>3</sup>HOW THE MYSTERY WAS MADE KNOWN TO ME BY REVELATION, AS I HAVE WRITTEN BRIEFLY. <sup>4</sup>WHEN YOU READ THIS, YOU CAN PERCEIVE

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MY INSIGHT INTO THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST, <sup>5</sup>WHICH WAS NOT MADE KNOWN TO THE SONS OF MEN IN OTHER GENERATIONS AS IT HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED

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TO HIS HOLY APOSTLES AND PROPHETS BY THE SPIRIT. <sup>6</sup>THIS MYSTERY IS THAT THE GENTILES ARE FELLOW HEIRS, MEMBERS OF THE SAME BODY,

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AND PARTAKERS OF THE PROMISE IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL. <sup>7</sup>OF THIS GOSPEL I WAS MADE A MINISTER ACCORDING TO THE GIFT OF GOD'S GRACE,

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WHICH WAS GIVEN ME BY THE WORKING OF HIS POWER.  
\*TO ME, THOUGH I AM THE VERY LEAST OF ALL THE SAINTS,  
THIS GRACE WAS GIVEN.

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TO PREACH TO THE GENTILES THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF  
CHRIST. \*AND TO BRING TO LIGHT FOR EVERYONE WHAT  
IS THE PLAN OF THE MYSTERY HIDDEN FOR AGES IN GOD.

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WHO CREATED ALL THINGS, <sup>10</sup>SO THAT THROUGH THE  
CHURCH THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF GOD MIGHT NOW  
BE MADE KNOWN TO THE RULERS AND AUTHORITIES

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IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES. <sup>11</sup>THIS WAS ACCORDING TO  
THE ETERNAL PURPOSE THAT HE HAS REALIZED IN  
CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD, <sup>12</sup>IN WHOM WE HAVE BOLDNESS

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AND ACCESS WITH CONFIDENCE THROUGH OUR FAITH IN  
HIM. <sup>13</sup>SO I ASK YOU NOT TO LOSE HEART OVER WHAT I AM  
SUFFERING FOR YOU, WHICH IS YOUR GLORY. —EPH. 3:1-13

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"MYSTERY" *MUSTERION* (GK) = "SOMETHING BEYOND NATURAL  
KNOWLEDGE, BUT HAS BEEN OPENED TO US BY DIVINE  
REVELATION THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT." —R. KENT HUGHES

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I. THE MYSTERY OF SUFFERING

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"OUR LIVES ARE SHAPED NOT JUST BY WHAT WE SUFFER BUT BY WHAT WE BRING TO OUR SUFFERING. WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT YOURSELF, LIFE, GOD, AND OTHERS

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WILL PROFOUNDLY AFFECT THE WAY YOU THINK ABOUT, INTERACT WITH, AND RESPOND TO THE DIFFICULTY THAT COMES YOUR WAY." —PAUL DAVID TRIPP

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JESUS DID NOT SUFFER SO THAT WE WILL NOT SUFFER, BUT THAT IN OUR SUFFERING WE WILL NOT LOSE HOPE.

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<sup>18</sup>FOR I CONSIDER THAT THE SUFFERINGS OF THIS PRESENT TIME ARE NOT WORTHY TO BE COMPARED WITH THE GLORY WHICH SHALL BE REVEALED IN US...

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<sup>28</sup>AND WE KNOW THAT FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD. FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE. —ROMANS 8:18, 28

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<sup>51</sup>BEHOLD! I TELL YOU A MYSTERY. WE SHALL NOT ALL SLEEP, BUT WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED. <sup>52</sup>IN A MOMENT, IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMPET.

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FOR THE TRUMPET WILL SOUND, AND THE DEAD WILL BE RAISED IMPERISHABLE, AND WE SHALL BE CHANGED. <sup>53</sup>FOR THIS PERISHABLE BODY MUST PUT ON THE IMPERISHABLE,

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AND THIS MORTAL BODY MUST PUT ON IMMORTALITY. <sup>54</sup>WHEN THE PERISHABLE PUTS ON THE IMPERISHABLE, AND THE MORTAL PUTS ON IMMORTALITY, THEN SHALL

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COME TO PASS THE SAYING THAT IS WRITTEN: "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY." <sup>55</sup>"O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?" —1 COR. 15:51-55

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## 2. THE MYSTERY OF STEWARDSHIP

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AS EACH HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER, AS GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE.  
—1 PETER 4:10

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3. THE MYSTERY OF SOLIDARITY

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... "MARVEL OF MARVELS, GOD, IN CHRIST, WOOS THE REBEL  
BACK; POURS OUT UNLIMITED LOVE THAT THE REBEL  
CAN'T RESIST. REBELS RESPOND IN LOVE AND OBEDIENCE

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AND GOD CREATES A NEW PEOPLE WHO LIVE TOGETHER IN A  
RELATIONSHIP OF LOVE AND FORGIVENESS—THAT'S THE  
CHURCH." —MAXIE DUNHAM

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<sup>20</sup>NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY  
THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK,  
ACCORDING TO THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US.

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<sup>21</sup>TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS  
THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.  
—EPHESIANS 3:20-21

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