

The Wonderful Mystery of  
Our Purpose

## Ephesians 3

*(2) Surely you have heard about...the **mystery** made known to me*

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*(4) you will be able to understand... the **mystery** of Christ,*

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*(6) This **mystery** is...through the gospel*

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*(8) this grace was given me...make plain to everyone... this **mystery***

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*(9) ...this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God*

*(5) ...now been revealed*

# The Mystery of Christ

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*(4) In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, (5) which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets*



# The Mystery of The Church

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*(1) For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—*

# The Mystery of Paul

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*(2) Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you,*

*(3) that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation*

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*(7) I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power.*



The mighty power of God enables weak vessels  
to proclaim the glories of Christ with great  
effectiveness

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Jim Elliot  
1927 - 1956

I'm just a nobody trying to exalt a Somebody

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## Ephesians 2

*(6) God raised us up with Christ ... (7) in order that in the coming ages he might **show** the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his **kindness** to us in Christ Jesus.*



It will take an eternity for God to show  
new, unending, kindness to you for your  
pleasure.

# The Mystery of Audience

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People who think the church is optional and non-essential reveal they don't have a clue about what God is doing in the world.

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Every day, your life and words, together with the church around the world, are preaching a cosmic sermon to powerful spiritual beings who crowd the atmosphere from earth to heaven.

# 1 Peter 1

*(12) Even angels long to look into these things.*

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*(see also Ephesians 6:12)*





Through the witness of your mouth and the service of your hands, you are painting a declaration that Jesus is so beautiful and holy and loving and just and sacrificing and triumphant that He is the only being worthy of worship in all of history in all the universe. That's what you are doing with your life; you are painting!

Not one single stroke of your little brush is ever wasted. God is a wise painter. He doesn't make mistakes when He selects His brushes...Putting your little brush in the hand of the invisible, infinitely wise omnipotent painter is one of the best places on planet earth to be. This is worth living for.