

The Unity of the Body of Christ: The Mystery Revealed Ephesians 2:11-22 and 3:1-13, 21

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1. (2:11-22) Jews and Gentiles are both members of one church family in Christ Jesus.

2. (3:1-9) God has revealed in the New Testament what was hidden in the Old Testament: The mystery revealed is the church.

3. (3:10-13, 21) God's plan is to use his redeemed church as an exhibit of his wisdom to the angels and through his church to bring glory to Himself.

“Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! For who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to give him advice? And who has given him so much that he needs to pay it back? For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.” (Romans 11:33-36NLT)

“God is most glorified by us when we are most satisfied in Him.” –John Piper-

You are the chosen, forgiven, adopted, unconditionally loved and accepted child of the King of kings who has been sent on a mission to represent your father/king for his glory; You belong to the Lord and you have been called to serve Him out of gratitude. You don't deserve this position; It has been accomplished by God in his grace, mercy and love through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. You are on a mission to tell others how they can also become children of the king. Everything you do and say should be with the purpose of bringing glory to your father/king. You live to serve him, love him, and honor him. You have not only been sent on a very significant mission, but you have been given everything (the power and resources) necessary to carry out your mission.

Why do we exist? Why have we been saved? What is our purpose in life? To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.