

Made New
The Mystery Revealed
June 28, 2026

READ:

Ephesians 3:1-21 ; Psalm 143:5 ; 2 Corinthians 12:10 ; Romans 8:38-39

KEY POINTS

- The Gospel Reveals God's Long-Hidden Plan – The mystery of the gospel is that through Jesus, all people are invited into one family. What was once hidden has now been fully revealed in Christ.
 - Our Weakness Often Becomes the Place of God's Greatest Work – God doesn't wait for our strength before He uses us. He often transforms our failures, limitations, and hardships into the very places where His grace and calling become most visible.
 - The Love of Christ Is Greater Than We Can Fully Comprehend – God's love cannot be measured by our performance, our past, or our feelings. His love continually exceeds the limits we naturally place upon it.
 - God Invites Us to Pray Beyond What We Can Imagine – Because God's power is already at work within His people, we can pray with confidence, trusting Him to accomplish far more than we can see or imagine.
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QUESTIONS

1. Paul says that through the gospel, Jews and Gentiles have become "heirs together, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 3:6). What barriers did the gospel overcome then, and what barriers does it still overcome today?
2. Paul refers to himself as "less than the least of all God's people" (Ephesians 3:8), yet God entrusted him with an incredible ministry. How does Paul's view of himself differ from either pride or self-condemnation? What can we learn from his example?

3. The sermon emphasized that our failings can become the doorway to our calling. Looking back over your life, can you identify a weakness, disappointment, or season of hardship that God has used, or may still be using, to shape your faith or ministry?
 4. Paul prays that believers would grasp "how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (Ephesians 3:17-19). What circumstances or beliefs most often cause you to question, limit, or forget God's love for you?
 5. Paul closes by declaring that God can do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20-21). Are your prayers primarily shaped by what seems realistic to you, or by what is possible for God? What might need to change?
 6. As you reflect on this passage, where is God inviting you to respond today? Is He calling you to trust Him with a weakness, rest more deeply in His love, or begin praying with greater faith and expectation?
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LIFE APPLICATION

- Remember Your Story - Spend a few quiet moments remembering when the gospel first became real to you, or when God's grace became especially evident in your life. Thank Him for His work and ask Him to restore the wonder of what Christ has done.
- Embrace The Work God is Doing - Reflect on an area of your life where you've experienced weakness, disappointment, or hardship. Instead of focusing on what you've lost, ask: How is God using this season to shape me? What step of trust or obedience is He inviting me to take today?
- Pray Beyond What You Can See - This week, bring one request before God that feels bigger than your own ability or understanding. Pray with confidence, trusting that He is able to accomplish far more than you can ask or imagine, and rest in His wisdom regardless of the outcome.
- Be Rooted in Christ's Love – Each day this week, take a moment to reflect on the depth of Christ's love for you. Remind yourself: "I am already loved in Christ. I do not have to earn what Jesus has already secured." Allow that truth to strengthen your faith, shape your relationships, and inspire joyful obedience.

PRAYER

Dear Lord,

Thank You for revealing the mystery of the gospel and inviting us into Your family through Jesus Christ. Thank You that Your grace is greater than our failures and Your love is deeper than we can fully comprehend.

Help us to stop measuring ourselves by our weaknesses and instead trust that You are working through them for Your glory. Root us firmly in Your love so that we would approach You with confidence rather than fear.

Teach us to pray with bold faith, believing that You are able to accomplish far more than we could ever ask or imagine. May our lives reflect the beauty, power, and wonder of the gospel every day.

In Jesus' name, Amen.