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## Reading

*Ephesians 3:1-12*

A reading from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Chapter of Ephesians.

This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus  
for the sake of you gentiles,  
for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace  
that was given me for you  
and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation,  
as I wrote above in a few words,  
a reading of which will enable you  
to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.

In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind,  
as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:  
that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs,  
members of the same body,  
and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant  
according to the gift of God's grace  
that was given me by the working of God's power.  
Although I am the very least of all the saints,  
this grace was given to me  
to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ  
and to make everyone see  
what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages  
in God, who created all things,  
so that through the church  
the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known  
to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.  
This was in accordance with the eternal purpose  
that God has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
through faith in whom we have access to God  
in boldness and confidence.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**