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Lesson: Mystery of Christ in You (part three)

Notice this is **third lesson** on Mystery of Christ in You. Lesson one and two were taught from Col.1:24-29 (8/ 26/ 25 and 9/ 2/ 25).

In our last lesson of **Col.4:2**, Paul commanded the church to “**Devote (prokartereo/ p.a.impv.2pl) yourselves to prayer.**”

Then Paul made a request in Col.4:3-4 – “*That God may open up to us a door for Thy word, so that we may **speak forth** the Mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned, in order that I may make it clear in the way I **ought to speak.**” (Col.4:3-4)*

This lesson will study **SIX aspects** of Mystery of Christ in You (part three).

1. Note Greek marker of Open Door is SPEAK (*laleo/ is used to make three points*).
 - **Speak forth the Mystery of Christ in you** (*gospel/ Eph.6:19*).
 - **Speak it with clarity** (*message and mechanics*).
 - **Speak despite conflict** (*imprisoned*).
2. The devil uses Divine Institutional Authority against God’s Open-Door Evangelism (**imprisonment/** deo/ perf.p.ind.1ps/ Col.4:3b).

This is called Undeserved Suffering (Phil. 1:12-18/ Romans); (Acts 17:16-34/ Athens/ Greeks).

Devil tries to make it look like it was optional. You didn’t have to come and preach a grace gospel. IT IS ALL YOUR FAULT! (DEVIL- **D** equals **evil**)

3. Paul associated his Undeserved Suffering with the grace gospel and the crucifixion of Jesus on behalf of **r all the sinners** of the world (1 Cor.15:22; Rom.5:12; Gen.2:17).

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, **so that we** might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Cor.5:21; 1 John3:5/ Col.1:21-23)

4. Paul declared in Col.1:24-29, 4:2-4, and in Eph.3:1-13 that the Mystery of Christ in You was hidden from the past ages but now has been manifested to the saints.

In Eph.3:3-6, Paul explains the Mystery of Christ in you was not made known to other generations of OC believers but now is revealed to NC believers (Eph.3:3-5,9-10/ Rom.16:25).

Note 3 markers: *“To be specific, that the **Gentiles** are **fellow heirs** and **fellow members** of the body, and **fellow partakers** of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”* (Eph.3:6)

- Fellow heirs and fellow members of the BODY (church/ 1 Cor.12:12-27).
- Fellow partakers of the PROMISE in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

5. The PROMISE was also declared in Acts 1:4-5; 2:32-33, 39/ 10:44-48; 11:15/ 15:7-11).

The **Promise** was that every person who believes the NC gospel of grace salvation will receive Eight works of the Holy Spirit:

Adoption (Rom.8:14-17); Baptism (1 Cor.12:13); Indwelling (1 Cor.6:19-20); Regeneration (Titus 3:5-7); Sanctification (2 Thess.2:13-14); Sealing (Eph.1:13-14; 4:30); Spiritual Gift (1 Cor.12:7,11; and Spiritual Life (Rom.8:9-11).

6. Paul introduced **Three Special** features in the Mystery of Christ for the Gentiles.

1st is in Col.1:27: - “whom God willed to make known what is the **RICHES OF THE GLORY** of this Mystery among the Gentiles, which is **Christ in you**, the **HOPE OF GLORY.**”

2nd is in Col.1:28 – “We proclaim Him admonishing **every man** and teaching **every man** with all wisdom, that we may present **every man COMPLETE** (teleios/ spiritually mature/ Eph.4:13; Heb.5:13-14) **IN CHRIST.**” Note the marker/ **every man**/ 3x)

3rd is in 1 Cor.15:50-58 – **RAPTURE:** “Behold, I tell you a **MYSTERY**; **we will not all sleep**, but **we will all be changed.**” (15:51)