



# SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

## The Mystery of Christ (Part 1)

Ephesians 3:1-5 | Jan 26, 2025



### STUDY QUESTIONS

1. To what reason is Paul referring when he says, "For this reason" in Ephesians 3:1?

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2. Why does Paul talk about his imprisonment?

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What is its significance and how is it relevant to the theme of the "mystery of Christ?"

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3. What does Paul mean by "assuming" and "stewardship" in Ephesians 3:2?

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4. In what way is Paul a steward of God's grace?

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5. The focus of Ephesians 3:1-5 is the Mystery of Christ. How did Paul get insight into it?

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### DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS

1. In Ephesians 3:1, Paul discusses his suffering. Read 2 Timothy 1:8 and share how you might be suffering for the gospel by the power of God.

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2. In Ephesians 3:2, Paul talks about being a steward of the grace of God. How are you being a steward of the grace of God as a follower of Jesus? Consider the primary function of a steward.

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3. In Ephesians 3:3-4, Paul, an apostle of Christ, received the revelation of the mystery of Christ. Discuss direct revelation from God. Consider: Do we need new revelations or has everything that God needs to reveal been revealed in His Word?

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4. If you believe that everything we need has been revealed in the Bible, share how often you read the Bible and in what way you apply those truths in your everyday life.

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### USE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY - OBSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, APPLICATION (biblegateway.com)

Make observations of a passage and draw conclusions from those observations.

- **Who** - who is speaking; who is the intended audience; who is present in the moment, etc.
- **What** - what is the passage about; what problem is addressed; what happens; what is being said; what commands need to be obeyed, etc.
- **When** - when is this event taking place?
- **Where** - where is this event taking place, where does it fit in the larger context of the book and Scripture?
- **Why** - why is this message needed, why is it relevant today?
- **How** - how does this change what I know about God and humanity; how do I apply this to my life so that I can follow Jesus more faithfully?