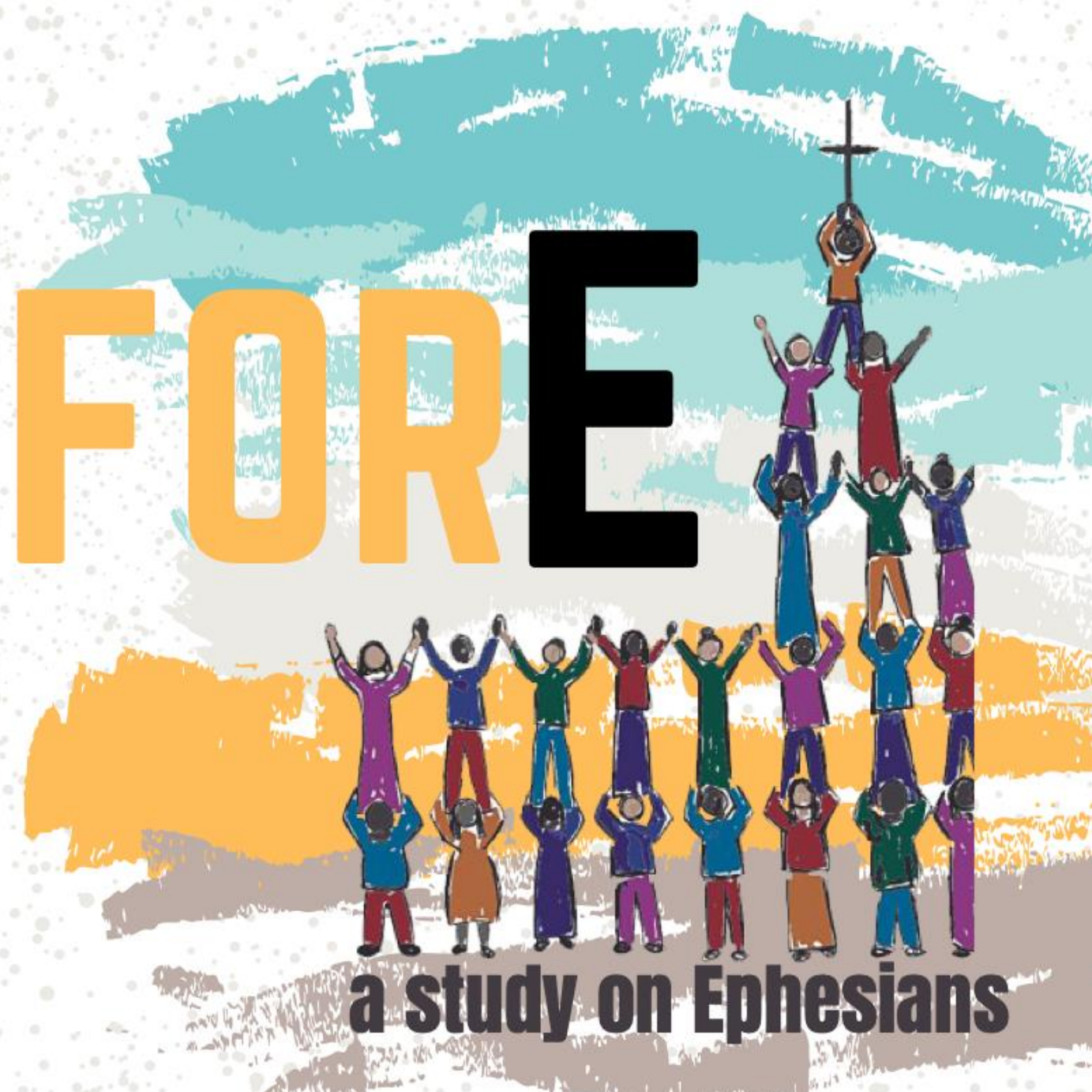


# THEREFORE

*The Gospel*

**a study on Ephesians**



**<sup>1</sup>For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles**

**<sup>2</sup> assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you,**

**<sup>3</sup> how the **mystery** was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly.**

**<sup>4</sup> When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the **mystery** of Christ,**

**<sup>5</sup> which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit**

**Ephesians 3: 1-5**

# THE **Mystery**

- **The Unknown plan of God**
- **Paul talks about a lot here:**
  - **Prisoner of Christ Jesus**
  - **Stewardship of the "Gentile Grace"**
  - **No one knew about this "plan"**
    - ***But is NOW being revealed***
- **So... What is the Mystery?**

<sup>6</sup> This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the **Gospel**.

<sup>7</sup> Of this **Gospel** I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of His power.

<sup>8</sup> To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

<sup>9</sup> and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, Who created all things,

**Ephesians 3:6-9**

# The Gospel

- We are **ALL** heirs and part of the **SAME** Body
- We can **ALL** experience the “unsearchable riches of His grace”
- This was **God’s** plan all along

<sup>2</sup> My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

**Colossians 2:2-3**

How is the Gospel made known to the world how?

<sup>10</sup> so that through the **Church** the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

<sup>11</sup> This was according to the eternal purpose that He has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,

<sup>12</sup> in Whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.

<sup>13</sup> So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory.

# THE Church

*“the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places..”*

**Manifold – Intricate, varied, and many**

**Rulers & Authorities, Heavenly Places – Angelic Beings**

## **The WISDOM and PURPOSE of the Church:**

*<sup>7</sup> But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. <sup>8</sup> We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; <sup>9</sup> persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. <sup>10</sup> We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. <sup>11</sup> For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. II Corinthians 4:7-11*

*“Proclaiming the gospel to a lost world cannot be just another activity to add to the church’s crowded agenda. It must be central to who we are. It forms our identity. But making disciples is far more than a program. It is the mission of our lives. It defines us. A disciple is a disciple maker.”*

**- Francis Chan**



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