**CHAPTER 3**

*The mystery hidden from former ages, was discovered to the apostle, to be imparted to the Gentiles. He prays that they may be strengthened in God.*

**1** For this cause, I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ, for you Gentiles;

**2** If yet you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me towards you:

**3** How that, according to revelation, the mystery has been made known to me, as I have written above in a few words;

**4** As you reading, may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ,

**5** Which in other generations was not known to the sons of men, as it is now revealed to his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit:

**6** That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and copartners of his promise in Christ Jesus, by the gospel:

**7** Of which I am made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God, which is given to me according to the operation of his power.

**8** To me, the least of all the saints, is given this grace, to preach among the Gentiles, the unsearchable riches of Christ,

**9** And to enlighten all men, that they may see what is the dispensation of the mystery which hath been hidden from eternity in God, who created all things:

**10** That the manifold wisdom of God may be made known to the principalities and powers in heavenly places through the church,

**11** According to the eternal purpose, which he made, in Christ Jesus our Lord:

**12** In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

**13** Wherefore I pray you not to faint at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

**14** For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**15** Of whom all paternity in heaven and earth is named,

**16** That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened by his Spirit with might unto the inward man,

**17** That Christ may dwell by faith in your hearts; that being rooted and founded in charity,

**18** You may be able to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth, and length, and height, and depth:

**19** To know also the charity of Christ, which surpasseth all knowledge, that you may be filled unto all the fulness of God.

**20** Now to him who is able to do all things more abundantly than we desire or understand, according to the power that worketh in us;

**21** To him be glory in the church, and in Christ Jesus unto all generations, world without end. Amen.