

The Mystery of God: Fulfillment of God's Eternal Plan of Salvation

**** Creation #3: Ephesians 2:10 ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath ***before ordained*** that we should walk in them. ****

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Ephesians 3:1-10

¹ For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, ² If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: ³ How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, ⁴ Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) ⁵ Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; ⁶ That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: ⁷ Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. ⁸ Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; ⁹ And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: ¹⁰ To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, ¹¹ **According to the ****eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord****:**

Isaiah 42:1-6

Isaiah 49:1-6

Isaiah 62:1-2

The Eternal Plan of God → “The Gospel”

- **1st Mention: Seed of the Woman – bruises the head of the seed**
 - **Genesis 3:15 – After Mankind (Adam & Eve lost Eternal Life)**
- **2nd Mention: Bless, Save and Redeem “All Families” of the earth**
 - **Genesis 12:3 – Promise to Abram/Abraham and his Promised Seed**
- **God preached “The Gospel” to Abraham**
 - **Galatians 3:8 – The Scripture (Genesis 12:3)**
 - **Foresaw and Foretold the God would**
 - **1) Justify the Heathen**
 - **2) Preached before [Foreordination] “The Gospel to Abraham”**
 - **3) All Nations will be Blessed/Saved/Redeemed**
 - **Through the former Heathen → Abraham**
 - **Joshua 24:2; 24:15 →**
 - **The fathers of the Hebrew Nation/Israel in “old time” served “other gods” on the other side of the River**
 - **Terah – the father of Abraham and Nahor**

“The Mystery of God” - Ephesian 3:6 (3:1-6)

- **Revealed to Paul, the NT Apostles and Prophets by the Holy Spirit – “As not made known to the sons of men in other ages/times/dispensations” [3:-6]**
 - **God’s plan to “Save/Redeem” Gentiles was made known to the prophets**
 - **Isaiah 42:1-6**
 - **Isaiah 49:1-6**
 - **Isaiah 62:1-2**
 - **Fulfilled Acts 11:26 → “God’s people called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord would name”**
 - **Other OT passages referencing saving/redeeming/adding Gentiles to the Kingdom of God**
 - **New Testament Prophets**
 - **Acts 13:1-2**
 - **Luke 11:49; 1 Corinthians 12:28-29; Ephesians 4:11**

The Gospel: What Is The Gospel?

- 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
 - Death, Burial and Resurrection of Christ [Only?]
- Gen. 12:3; Gal. 3:8
 - + God's Plan to Save All Families/Nations [Heathens]
 - All Families of the Earth (Gen. 12:3)
 - All Nations (Gal. 3:8)

The Gospel: *To save all Heathen Nations through Faith (In Christ Jesus)*

- Galatians 3:8 ⁸ And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In you shall all nations be blessed.
 - The Scripture: Genesis 12:3
 - Foresaw, Foretold
 - God would Justify/Save/Redeem "The Heathen"
 - In Abraham "All Nations" shall be blessed/Saved
 - Preached "before" the gospel unto Abraham
 - The Plan to Save All Nations/Heathens/Families of the Earth
 - Was "Revealed to Abraham" in the Patriarchal/First Creation Covenantal Time Period
- *Synopsis/Summary: The Gospel Message Includes*
 - 1) Death, Burial, Resurrection
 - 2) *Saving all Heathen Nations – through Faith
 - Beginning with Heathen Abraham
- The Law vs. Faith in Christ: Galatians 3

Galatians 3:7-14

⁷ Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

⁸ And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In you shall all nations be blessed.

⁹ So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

¹⁰ For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continues not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

¹¹ But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

¹² And the law is not of faith: but, The man that does them shall live in them.

¹³ Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree:

¹⁴ That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

- 3:11 No Man Is Justified by “The Law” in the sight of God
 - The Just shall live by “Faith”
- 3:12 “The Law” is Not of Faith
 - 3:14 “The Blessing of Abraham” and “Promise of the Spirit”
 - Come on the Gentiles; Through Jesus Christ; Through Faith