



## The Mystery of Belonging

Ephesians 3<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...

Acts 21:28, <sup>29</sup> For they had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the city, and they supposed that Paul had brought him into the temple. <sup>30</sup> Then all the city was stirred up, and the people ran together. They seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple, and at once the gates were shut.

Ephesians 1:9-10, "making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth."

Greek, μυστήριον (*mysterion*).

A mystery isn't something unknown, it's unnoticed.

Ephesians 3:5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed.

"In Jesus, outsiders aren't just brought in—they belong."

Isaiah 19:24-25 <sup>24</sup> In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, <sup>25</sup> whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance."

"Humanity has a deep-rooted tendency toward violence, tribalism, and cruelty..." Dr. Robert Sapolsky

Ephesians 3:6 <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.

Ephesians 3.<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.

Imposter Syndrome: a psychological phenomenon characterized by persistent feelings of self-doubt, inadequacy, and a fear of being exposed as a fraud, despite evidence of one's competence.

Imposter Syndrome: 71% of CEOs

Your place isn't secured by what you do, but by who God is.

You aren't just brought in—you belong

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