23.10.15 Mystery Solved! Ephesians 3:1 – 21 Notes

INTRODUCTION

**What helps the church ?**

1. **I am** **part of a uniquely special radical community.**

Ephesians 3:1 – 9

  is the answer to a 4000-year-old unsolved mystery!

God has joined Jews and Gentiles as  in one new body which is the church. verse 6

What being part of this uniquely special radical new community means for me:

I am part of something  than

  to something diverse (unity among diversity) Galatians 3:28

I am   something

Part of my role in this uniquely special radical new community is to help others see the truth… verses 9 - 13

To  to  this mystery – verse 9

To make  the multifaceted  of God – verse 10

To experience the   accomplished through Jesus – verse 11

We do it  and , trusting in God’s sovereignty – verse 13

1. **Through I exercise bold , I help further God’s purposes, I help hold the church together.** verses 14 – 19

These verses provide a framework for  for fellow believers.

Verse 16 – I pray that you are  with God’s power.

Verse 17 – I pray that Christ will  richly in your heart.

Matthew 17:22 – 23

Verse 18 - I pray you will  His

Verse 19 – I pray you will be  with the  of God.

1. **I do this for .** verses 20 – 21

This community is gathered   for God’s  (v. 21).

I am drawn to  and  God as I experience His ability – active and present in my life. 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17

CONCLUSION