

Ephesians

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10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

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With all wisdom and insight, what did the Father do for us? **1:8-9**

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How did God choose to reveal these mysteries to the Church? **Eph.3:1-7; ICor.4:1**

And what is one purpose of God through this revelation of the Mystery? **Eph.3:8-13, 6:10-17**

So why is Satan and his demons so warring against us, the Church? **Eph.6:10-12 ; Jn.17:14-15**

What does God reveal about the His purpose for the mystery of His will? **Eph.1:9-10; Rev.21:1-4**

And what incredible thing have we (the Church, the Body of Christ) obtained? **1:11a; IPet.1:3-4**

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Truths that God hid from past ages / generations but NOW are manifested to the saints!

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Absolutely not! Understanding these things is for those indwelt and taught by the Spirit!!

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God revealed the mystery of Christ, previously secret, now revealed to Apostles/ Prophets.

And what is one purpose of God through this revelation of the Mystery? **Eph.3:8-13, 6:10-17**

So the wisdom of God might now be made known by the Church to rulers in the heavens!

So why is Satan and his demons so warring against us, the Church? **Eph.6:10-12 ; Jn.17:14-15**

Satan is against God in everything/everybody. Every part of the Church, he hates. Target!

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As a plan for the fullness of time, to unite in Him, things in heaven and things on earth!

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We have an inheritance, undefiled, imperishable, unfading, kept in heaven for you!

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See how Jesus refers to us, Church, as a gift from the Father. We are the Father's love gift!