

# THE MYSTERY OF THE HISTORY OF LOVE

## Ephesians 3:2-6

Series: "What's Love Got to Do with It"

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### Ephesians 3:2-6 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. <sup>4</sup> In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, <sup>5</sup> which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. <sup>6</sup> This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

### THE MYSTERY OF THE HISTORY OF LOVE IN 5 ACTS

#### ACT 1: God \_\_\_\_\_ it all

- **TO REVEAL his glory.**

Romans 11:36 (NLT) "Everything comes from God; everything exists by his power and everything is intended for his glory."

- **TO EXPRESS his love**

Psalms 145:9 (LB) "... His compassion is intertwined with everything he does."

- **TO FORM a family**

James 1:18 (NLT) "In his goodness God chose to make us his own children by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his choice possession."

Ephesians 3:14-15 (LB) "When I think of the wisdom and scope of God's plan, I fall down on my knees and pray to the Father of all the great family of God --some of them already in heaven and some down here on earth."

#### ACT 2: Adam \_\_\_\_\_ it all up

##### **First consequence brought death onto the planet**

Romans 5:12 (NCV) "Sin came into the world because of what one man did, and with sin came death."

##### **Second consequence. The world was broken by sin**

Romans 3:23 (MSG) "We've all sinned and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us."

##### **Third consequence. That is the loss of purpose.**

Romans 8:20-21 (TEV) "For creation was condemned to lose its purpose... Yet there was still this hope that all creation will one day be set free from its slavery to decay and will share the glorious freedom of the children of God."

#### ACT 3: Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 4:25 (NCV) "Jesus was given to die for our sins, and he was raised from the dead to make us right with God."

Romans 5:18 (MSG) "Here it is in a nutshell: Just as one person did it wrong and got us all into this trouble with sin and death, another person did it right and he got us out of it. But more than just getting us out of trouble, he got us into life!"

#### ACT 4: God gives us a \_\_\_\_\_

I need to decide **four things.**

**First** I decide to admit to the fact that I've been living my plan instead of God's plan.

**Second**, I decide to turn from my way to God's way.

**Third**, I say I'm going to choose to trust that what Jesus Christ did on the cross for me is enough to get me into heaven.

**Fourth**, I'm going to choose to follow your purpose for my life from now on.

1 Kings 18:21 (NIV) "... How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him!"

Deuteronomy 30:15 (TEV) "Today I am giving you a choice between good and evil, and between life and death."

#### ACT 5: Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for his family

1 Thes. 5:10 (LB) "Jesus died for us so that we can live with him forever, whether we are dead or alive at the time of his return."

Ephesians 1:10 (NLT) "This is his plan: At the right time God will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth."

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