**The Corporate Man**

# Ephesians 3:1-10 We are part of a much greater work than we can see.

5 the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men,

* Mystery = a revelation of something once not understood

**Colossians 1:26-27** that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

6 the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body

* In that day, a profound revelation!

9 the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God

* This is something reflecting God’s heart for the millennia…something He has had in mind, and connects us to the past and future saints.

10 the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church

* Manifold = multi-colored

11 in accordance with the eternal purpose

* We are now part of something must larger than our generation
* Yet we box in according to demographics, etc…

Rom 12:1-10

1 present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, which is your spiritual service of worship

* Give yourself wholeheartedly to the work of God – most especially in and among His people

3 … think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith

* We each have a portion of the faith of God. Our grace is manifest by faithful administration of that gift
* Soulish = I minister when I feel “moved.” Grace means we ALWAYS have it

4-5 … many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ

* All the parts of the body differ in function, but have the same DNA
* Ours is an eternal, supernatural DNA!!!

5 individually members one of another

* We are connected in a life flow together – PART-takers of Christ

6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us

* When you have a gift, you do by GRACE what others do by effort.
* Nevertheless, WE ARE ALL CALLED TO DO ALL OF THE THINGS LISTED IN THESE GIFTS

SLIDESHOW OF GIFTS…

# *COMMUNION –* vv.9-11