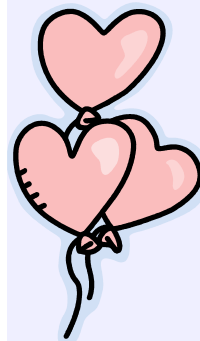


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Magnificent GRACE

Becoming Spiritually RICH IN THE GENEROSITY OF JESUS CHRIST

Ephesians 3:4-19 Borrowed from TMSG Bible.

“As you read over what I have written to you, **you’ll be able to see for yourselves into The Mystery of Christ.**

⁵None of our ancestors understood this. Only in our time has it been **made clear by GODS Spirit** through His holy apostles and prophets of this new order.

⁶**The Mystery is that people who have never heard of GOD and those who have heard of Him all their lives** (what I’ve been calling outsiders and insiders) **stand on the same ground before GOD.**

They get the same offer, same help, same promises in Christ JESUS.

The Message is accessible and welcoming to everyone, across the board.

⁷This is my life work: helping people understand and respond to **This Message.**

It came as a sheer gift to me, a real surprise, **GOD** handling all the details.

⁸When it came to **presenting the Message to people who had no background in GODS Way,** I was the least qualified of any of the available Christians. **GOD** saw to it that I was

equipped, but you can be sure that it had nothing to do with my natural abilities. And so here I am, preaching and writing about things that are way over my head, **the inexhaustible riches and generosity of Christ.**

⁹My task is to bring out in the open and make plain what **GOD**, who created all this in the first place, has been doing in secret and behind the scenes all along.

¹⁰Through Christians like yourselves gathered in churches, **this extraordinary plan of GOD is becoming known and talked about even among the Angels!**

(Angels Excited For Mankind)

¹¹All this is proceeding along lines **planned all along by GOD and then executed in Christ JESUS.**

¹²When we trust in Him, we’re free to say whatever needs to be said, bold to go wherever we need to go.

¹³So don’t let my present trouble on your behalf get you down. Be proud!

¹⁴My response is to get down on my knees **before The Father,**

¹⁵**This Magnificent Father** who parcels out all heaven and earth.

¹⁶**I ask Him to strengthen you by His Spirit**—not a brute strength but a **glorious inner strength**—

¹⁷**that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite Him in.** And I ask Him that with both feet planted firmly on love, ¹⁸**you’ll be able to take in with all Christians the extravagant dimensions of Christ’s love.**

Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights!

¹⁹**Live full lives, full in the fullness of GOD.**”

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