

**“In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ.”
Ephesians 3:4**



Have you received “insight”? Have you been able lately, to look in to what God has been doing all along?

Paul wants the believers to know that God wants all to be saved. This means both Jew and Gentile. This is a mystery to the Jew, because they thought that God had chosen them, alone, to be his people. All along God wants all people to be saved. Up to this point those who have been trying to explain this mystery have been killed. John the Baptist was calling the nation of Israel to turn away from their pride and turn towards God who is merciful. This is the true meaning of repentance. John was beheaded. Then came Jesus who ate with tax collectors, sinners and prostitutes. He was crucified. Now Paul is telling them that the Kingdom of God is open to Gentiles. Same message different time.

All too often our inability to live with mystery causes us to be blinded to God's work. For example, you may have an increased peace about God's presence and God's work in your life in the new year. You may even feel you can take credit for this increased perceptiveness. Then something happens in your life and you find yourself at a loss. This is common because God wants to empty us of ourselves and depend more on him.

Any dependence on our skill or ability to gain an insight to God will be eliminated. Our understanding is grounded in the character of God, who cannot lie (Titus 1:2). He puts our hearts at rest. His mysterious love, which sacrificed his son, is for all people. It is the same message at this time. It is a message for you and for all. All are welcomed to be part of the kingdom of God.