

# Ephesians

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# After the flesh

- 2Co 5:16 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.

**Acts 28**

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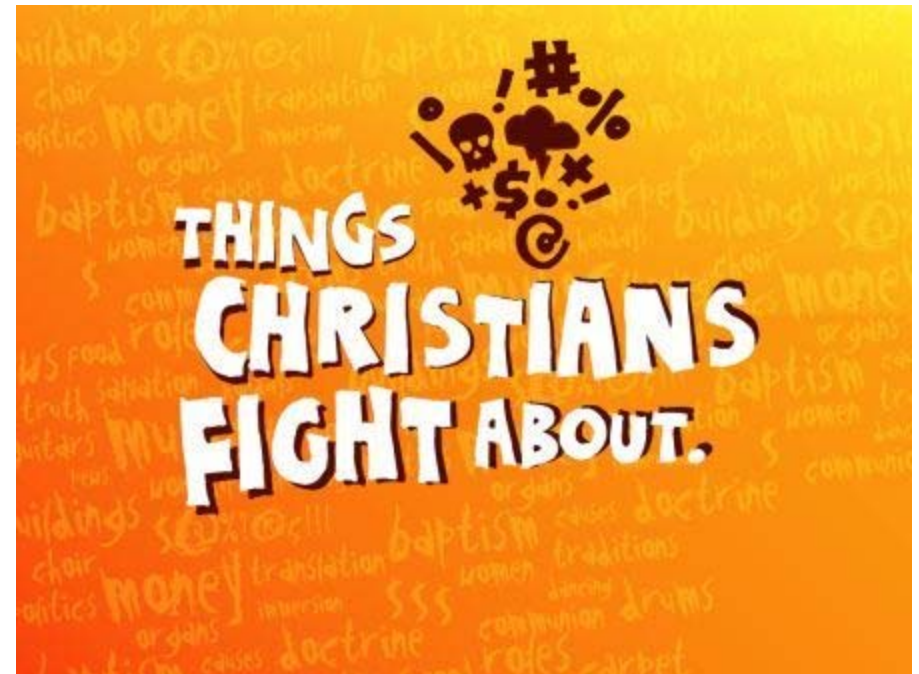
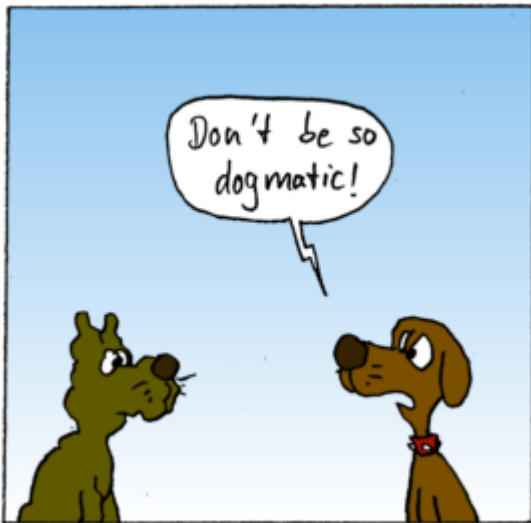


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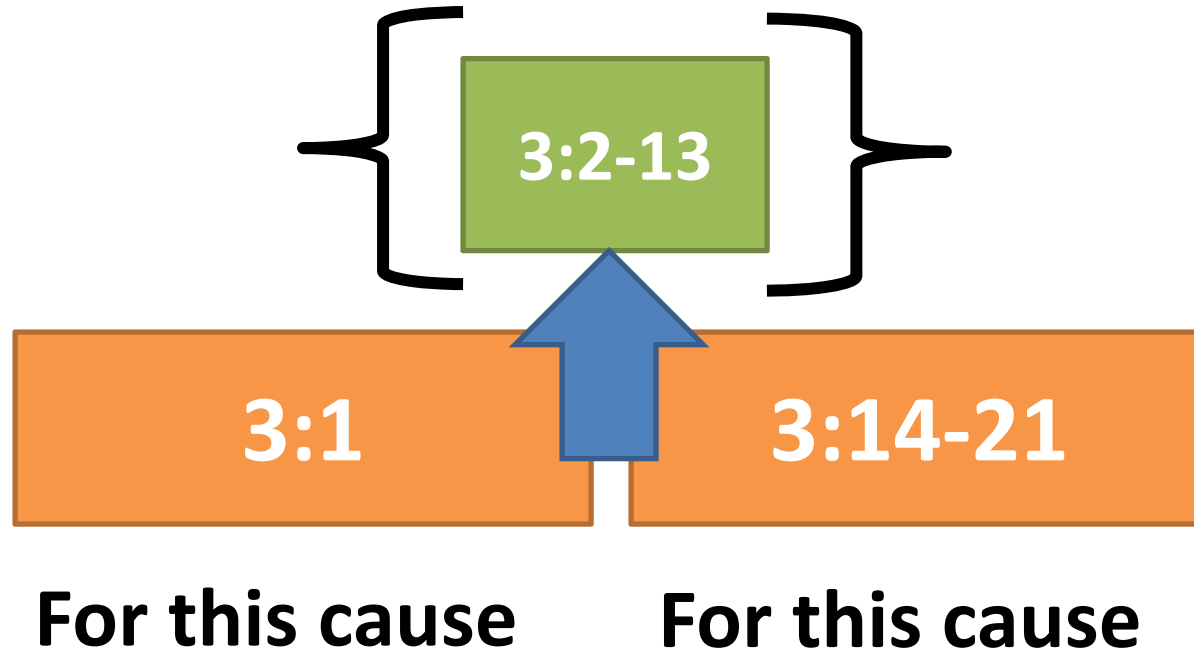
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# δόγμα, δογματίζω

- Col 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of **ordinances** that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;
- Col 2:20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, **are ye subject to ordinances,**

# Eph.3:1-21



# If ye have heard $\approx$ “Assuming ye have heard”

- 2 (AV) If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:
- 2 (TR) **ΕΙΠΕ ΗΚΟΥΣΑΤΕ** την οικονομίαν της χαριτος του θεου της δοθεισης μοι εις υμας

- ‘If this counsel or this work be of men ... (ean followed by the subjunctive, a point which the result will decide): but if it be of God
- (ei with the indicative, a case which I put)’ (Acts 5:38,39).
- ‘If ye know these things (ei with indicative, assuming the case as a fact), happy are ye if ye do them (ean followed by the subjunctive, a result which remains to be seen)’ (John 13:17).



# “As I wrote afore” and Psalm 8

- Ps.8: 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:
- 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field;



# Eph.1:22

- 21 (AV) Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:
- **22 (AV) And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,**
- 23 (AV) Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

- Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,
- Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (της πονηριας **ΕΝ ΤΟΙΣ ΕΠΟΥΡΑΝΙΟΙΣ**)

# The mystery of Christ

- 1Cor.15:24-28
- Heb.2:5-18
- Eph.1:21,22

**Not yet all things**

**1Cor.15**

Adam

Psa.8

Heb.2

**EPH.1**

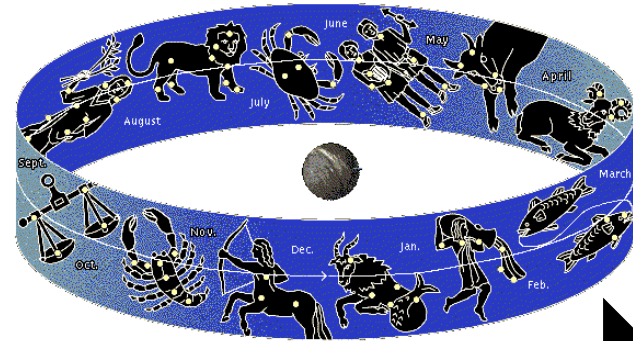
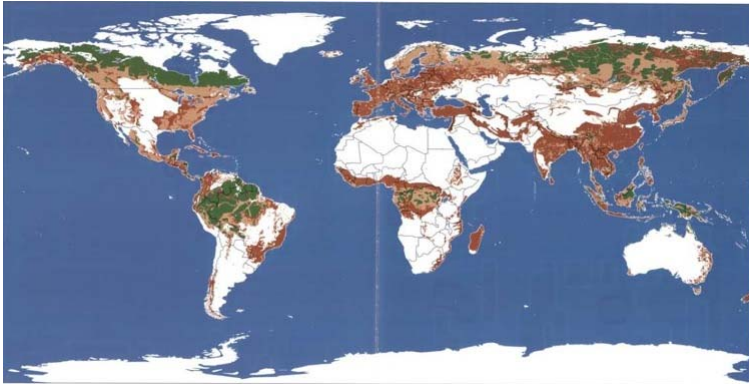
**Abraham**

**Hath put all things  
... to the church**

# The inhabitable world = οἰκουμένη

First occurrence

- **Matt.24:14** ...In all the world ... and then the end shall come (see also Rom. 10:18; Heb. 1:6; 2:5, Rev. 3:10; 12:9; 16:14)



**Mystery of Christ**

# The inhabitable world

- Ro 10:18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world <3625>.
- Heb 1:6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world <3625>, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.
- Heb 2:5 For unto the angels hath he not put in subjection the world <3625> to come, whereof we speak.

# The two mysteries

## **The Mystery; its Special Characteristics.**

<b>1. A special minister.</b>		<b>Paul, as prisoner (1). Me (2, 3, 8). I (8).</b>
<b>2. A special ministry.</b>		<b>For you Gentiles (1). To youward (2). Among the Gentiles (8).</b>
<b>3. A special communication.</b>		<b>Made known by revelation (3).</b>
<b>4. A special theme.</b>		<b>Unsearchable (8). Mystery (3, 9). Hid (9).</b>
<b>5. A special period.</b>		<b>The dispensation of the grace of God (2). The dispensation of the mystery (9). Now (10).</b>
<b>6. A special witness.</b>		<b>Unto principalities (10). Manifold wisdom (10).</b>
<b>7. A special purpose.</b>		<b>According to the purpose of the Ages (11).</b>

Such is the theme of verses 1-11 omitting the parenthesis. Coming to verses 4-7 we learn more concerning this mystery by way of contrast. The mystery of verses 1-3 and 4-11 is contrasted with the mystery of Christ. Let us again seek an analysis.

## **The Mystery of Christ.**

- 1. Not exclusive to this dispensation. It was made known in other generations (5).**
- 2. Not exclusive to the Apostle Paul. It was revealed unto prophets and apostles (5).**

## **The Mystery.**

- 1. It was exclusive to the Apostle Paul. Verses 1, 2, 3, 8 & 9, already considered, and verse 7, "Whereof I was made a minister", the words defining the gospel intended in verse 6.**
- 2. It was peculiar in its composition. It gives a threefold equality to the Gentile believer never before known or enjoyed (6).**