

**“I’VE GOT A SECRET”**  
**Ephesians 3:1-7**  
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INTRODUCTION

Did you ever watch the Program? I used to really enjoy it.

God’s “secrets” are His mysteries that are uncovered to His people—truths unknowable in ourselves, but which He has made known to us because He loves us and wants us “in on” all of His amazing blessings.

This secret that the Lord reveals is the profound and exciting truth that He has made one new people out of two former enemies—Jews and Gentiles. Moreover, **He has called you to be part of this amazing mystery** so that you now are “in on His secrets also! [*Cf. the Greeks of John 12:20-26*]

However, establishing this mystery was very costly—*It was costly for Him, and it has been costly for His servants whom He has used to build His church.*

The Lord Still Uses His servants in preaching His gospel in order to bring people into His mystery.

I. The Suffering of His Servants (1) [The Savior suffered also—so must His ministers—see John 20:24-25]

A. A Prisoner of Jesus Christ

B. The Persons for whom he suffers—“for the sake of you Gentiles

II. The Stewardship given to His Servants (2-6)

A. The Source is Divine

1. Grace (2)

2. Revelation (3)

B. The Subjects for whom His servants are responsible

1. Gentiles

2. Not made known to past generations

3. Now shown to the “apostles and prophets”

C. The Scripture of the Revelation

1. Written to them (v. 3)

2. Read by them (v. 4)

D. The Substance of the Revelation (6)

1. Fellow-heirs

2. Fellow members of the body

3. Fellow partakers of the promise

### III. The Service of the Servants (7)

A. A Gift of God's grace

B. The Granting of God's Power

#### CONCLUSION

*Are you in on God's Secret? Are you saved?*

Rejoice in God's Plan; realize your privilege!

“IT IS NO SECRET, WHAT GOD CAN DO!”