



The Fellowship of the Mystery

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who created all things by Jesus Christ:

COMPANION BIBLE

Marginal note:

Fellowship. The texts read *oikonomia* v2 instead of *koinonia*



Koinonia = fellowship, partaker, communion

Oikonomia = administration, economy, dispensation

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What is God stressing in Verse 9?

The dispensation?

The fellowship?

What is the overall effect if we change the word in the Greek?

Will it bring about a better understanding of the truth?

Or will it detract from God's intended teaching?

Eph 3:2-3, 9

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Col 1:25-26

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Look at what the
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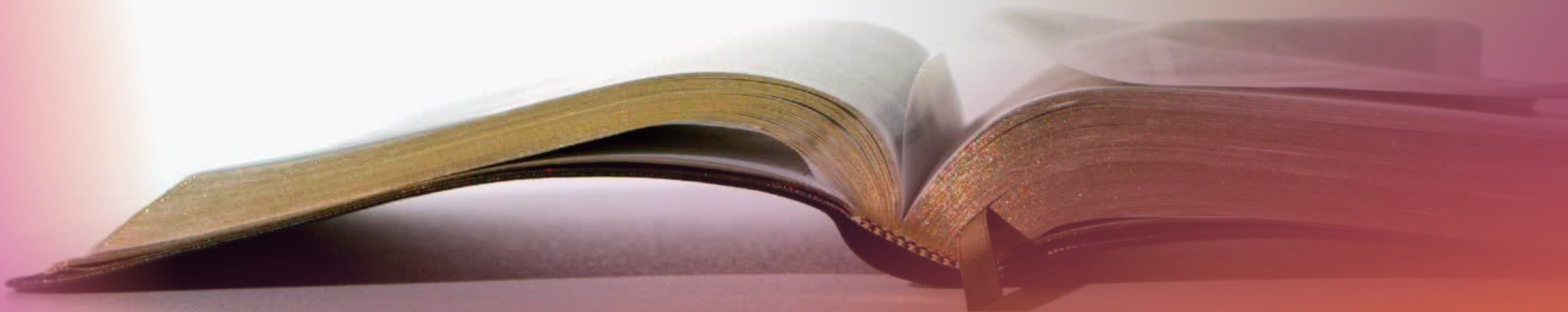
**The fellowship of the mystery
Is our a fellowship with Israel**



The name 'Jew' or 'Israel' is not in the Greek Text

Ioudaios (Ἰουδαῖοι) Ἰσραήλ (Israēl)

Modern versions of the Bible show evidence that they do not recognize that Israel is being temporarily set aside by inserting these words into the text.



αὐτῷ· 17 καὶ ἐλθὼν εὐηγγελίσατο εἰρήνην ὑμῖν τοῖς μακρὰν, καὶ τοῖς ἐγγύς, 18 ὅτι δι' αὐτοῦ ἔχομεν
τὴν προσαγωγὴν οἱ ἀμφοτέροι ἐν ἐνὶ πνεύματι πρὸς τὸν πατέρα. 19 Ἄρα οὖν οὐκέτι ἐστὲ ξένοι καὶ
πάροικοι, ἀλλὰ συμπολίται τῶν ἁγίων καὶ οἰκοδομοὶ τοῦ Θεοῦ, 20 ἡτοικοδομηθέντες ἐπὶ τῷ θεμελίῳ
τῶν ἀποστόλων καὶ προφητῶν, ὧν ὁ ἀκρογων λίθος ὁ Χριστὸς ὁ Κύριος, 21 ἐν ᾧ πᾶσα ἡ οἰκοδομὴ
συναρμολογουμένη αὖξει εἰς ναὸν ἅγιον ἐν Κυρίῳ, 22 ἐν ᾧ καὶ ὑμεῖς συνοικοδομεῖσθε εἰς
κατοικητήριον τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν πνεύματι.

3 1 Τούτου χάριν ἐγὼ Παῦλος ὁ δέσμιος τοῦ Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν τῶν ἐθνῶν, 2 εἵγε
ἠκούσατε τὴν οἰκονομίαν τῆς χάριτος τοῦ Θεοῦ τῆς δοθείσης μοι εἰς ὑμᾶς, 3 ὅτι κατὰ ἀποκάλυψιν
ἐγνώρισέ μοι τὸ μυστήριον, καθὼς προέγραψα ἐν ὀλίγῳ· 4 πρὸς ὃ δύνασθε ἀναγινώσκοντες νοῆσαι
τὴν σύνεσίν μου ἐν τῷ μυστηρίῳ τοῦ Χριστοῦ, 5 ὃ ἐν ἐτέραις γενεαῖς οὐκ ἐγνωρίσθη τοῖς υἱοῖς τῶν
ἀνθρώπων, ὡς νῦν ἀπεκαλύφθη τοῖς ἁγίοις ἀποστόλοις αὐτοῦ καὶ προφήταις ἐν πνεύματι, 6 εἶναι τὰ
ἔθνη συγκληρονόμα καὶ σύσσωμα, καὶ συμμέτοχα τῆς ἐπαγγελίας αὐτοῦ ἐν τῷ Χριστῷ, διὰ τοῦ
εὐαγγελίου, 7 οὗ ἐγενόμην διάκονος κατὰ τὴν δωρεὰν τῆς χάριτος τοῦ Θεοῦ τὴν δοθεῖσάν μοι κατὰ
τὴν ἐνέργειαν τῆς δυνάμεως αὐτοῦ. 8 Ἐμοὶ τῷ ἐλαχιστοτέρῳ πάντων τῶν ἁγίων ἐδόθη ἡ χάρις αὕτη,
ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν εὐαγγελίσασθαι τὸν ἀνεξιχνίαστον πλοῦτον τοῦ Χριστοῦ, 9 καὶ φωτίσαι πάντας τίς
ἡ κοινωνία τοῦ μυστηρίου τοῦ ἀποκρυμμένου ἀπὸ τῶν αἰώνων ἐν τῷ Θεῷ, τῷ τὰ πάντα κτίσαντι
διὰ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, 10 ἵνα γνωρισθῇ νῦν ταῖς ἀρχαῖς καὶ ταῖς ἐξουσίαις ἐν τοῖς ἐπουρανίοις, διὰ τῆς
ἐκκλησίας, ἣν τοῦ λόγου τοῦ Θεοῦ 11 καὶ ὁ πλοῦς τῶν ἐθνῶν, ἡν ἐκτίσεν ἐν τῷ Χριστῷ
Ἰησοῦ τῷ Κυρίῳ ἡμῶν, 12 ἐν ᾧ ἔχομεν τὴν παρρήσίαν καὶ τὴν προσαγωγὴν ἐν πεποιθήσει, διὰ τῆς
πίστεως αὐτοῦ. 13 Διὸ αἰτοῦμαι μὴ ἐκκακεῖν ἐν ταῖς θλίψεσί μου ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν, ἥτις ἐστὶ δόξα ὑμῶν.
14 Τούτου χάριν κάμπτω τὰ γόνατά μου πρὸς τὸν πατέρα τοῦ Κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ, 15 ἐξ

Ephesians

AMPLIFIED BIBLE

[it is this:] that the Gentiles are now joint heirs [with the Jews] and members of the same body, and joint partakers [sharing] in the [same divine] promise in Christ Jesus through [their faith in] the good news [of salvation].

COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE

This plan is that the Gentiles would be coheirs and parts of the same body, and that they would share with the Jews in the promises of God in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

COMPLETE JEWISH BIBLE

that in union with the Messiah and through the Good News the Gentiles were to be joint heirs, a joint body and joint sharers with the Jews in what God has promised.

COMTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION

And the mystery is this: Because of Christ Jesus, the good news has given the Gentiles a share in the promises God gave to the Jews. God has also let the Gentiles be part of the same body.

EASY-TO-READ VERSION

And this is the secret truth: that by hearing the Good News, those who are not Jews will share with the Jews in the blessings God has for his people. They are part of the same body, and they share in the promise God made through Christ Jesus.

EASY ENGLISH BIBLE

This is the message of God's good news: Gentiles, as well as Jews, may receive the good things that God has prepared for his children. We may all belong to the same group of God's people, like we are his body. Everyone who is united with Christ Jesus receives the good things that God has promised.

EXPANDED BIBLE

This is that ·secret [mystery]: that through the ·Good News [Gospel] the Gentiles ·will share with the Jews in God's blessing [^Lare co-heirs]. They belong to the same body, and they share together in the promise that God made in Christ Jesus.

GOD'S WORD TRANSLATION

This mystery is the Good News that people who are not Jewish have the same inheritance as Jewish people do. They belong to the same body and share the same promise that God made in Christ Jesus.

GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION

The secret is that by means of the gospel the Gentiles have a part **with the Jews** in God's blessings; they are members of the same body and share in the promise that God made through Christ Jesus.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BIBLE

This is that secret truth: that the non-Jews will receive what God has for his people, **just as the Jews** will. The non-Jews are **together with the Jews** as part of the same body. And they share together in the promise that God made in Christ Jesus. The non-Jews have all of this because of the Good News.

THE LIVING BIBLE

And this is the secret: that the Gentiles will have their full **share with the Jews** in all the riches inherited by God's sons; both are invited to belong to his Church, and all of God's promises of mighty blessings through Christ apply to them both when they accept the Good News about Christ and what he has done for them.

NAMES OF GOD BIBLE

This mystery is the Good News that people who are not Jewish have the **same inheritance as Jewish people do**. They belong to the same body and share the same promise that God made in Christ **Yeshua**.

NEW CENTURY VERSION

This is that secret: that through the Good News those who are not Jews will **share with the Jews** in God's blessing. They belong to the same body, and they share together in the promise that God made in Christ Jesus.

NEW INTERNATIONAL READER'S VERSION

Here is the mystery. Because of the good news, God's promises are for Gentiles **as well as for Jews**. Both groups are parts of one body. They share in the promise. It belongs to them because they belong to Christ Jesus.

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs **together with Israel**, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

NEW LIFE VERSION

Let me tell you that the Good News is for the people who are not Jews also. They are able to have life that lasts forever. They are to be a part of His church and family, **together with the Jews**. And together they are to receive all that God has promised through Christ.

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

And this is God's plan: **Both Gentiles and Jews** who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children. Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus.

NEW TESTAMENT FOR EVERYONE

The secret is this: that, through the gospel, the Gentiles are to **share Israel's inheritance**. They are to become fellow members of the body, along with them, and fellow sharers of the promise in Messiah Jesus.

WORLDWIDE ENGLISH NT

This is God's plan. **Those who are not Jews** will also share in the blessings of God. They also are a part of the body of Jesus Christ. They also will receive the things God has promised in Jesus Christ through the good news.

(MY CATHOLIC BIBLE)

It is no less than this: in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are now **co-heirs with the Jews**, members of the same body And sharers of the promise through the preaching of the gospel



In my opinion

The entire religion of Christianity developed as it did

Because saints did not see the **fellowship** of the mystery as being now independent of Israel

And did not come unto the acknowledgment of the truth

About the change that took place at the end of Acts

The dispensation of the grace of God and the dispensation of the mystery became simply Christ among the Gentiles so that they could all become Christians along with God's chosen People Israel looking for the return of Christ and the Millennial Kingdom.

In the absence of right division the understanding of the natural mind must be this

“the salvation of God was sent to the Gentiles”

“to make of the twain one new man”

“reconcile both unto God in one body”

**“fellow-heirs and one body with Israel
and partakers of Israel’s promises in
Christ by the (kingdom) gospel”**

Eph 3:9

Look at what the
modern Bibles
do with the
choice of
Oikonomia



Bible Versions with *Oikonomia*

ASV

and to make all men see what is **the dispensation of the mystery** which for ages hath been hid in God who created all things;

AMP

and to make plain [to everyone] **the plan of the mystery** [regarding the uniting of believing Jews and Gentiles into one body] which [until now] was kept hidden through the ages in [the mind of] God who created all things.

AMPC

Also to enlighten all men *and* make plain to them what **is the plan [regarding the Gentiles and providing for the salvation of all men] of the mystery** kept hidden through the ages *and* concealed until now in [the mind of] God Who created all things *by Christ Jesus*.

CSB

and to shed light for all about the **administration of the mystery** hidden for ages in God who created all things.

CSBA

and to shed light for all about the **administration of the mystery** hidden for ages in God who created all things.

CEB

God sent me to reveal **the secret plan** that had been hidden since the beginning of time by God, who created everything.

CJB

and of letting everyone see how **this secret plan** is going to work out. This plan, kept hidden for ages by God, the Creator of everything,

CEV

God, who created everything, wanted me to help everyone understand **the mysterious plan** that had always been hidden in his mind.

DARBY

and to enlighten all [with the knowledge of] what is **the administration of the mystery** hidden throughout the ages in God, who has created all things,

DLNT

and enlighten everyone *to see* what *is* **the stewardship of the mystery** having been hidden from the *past* ages in God, the *One* having created all *things*,

DRA

And to enlighten all men, that they may see what is **the dispensation of the mystery** which hath been hidden from eternity in God, who created all things:

ERV

And God gave me the work of telling all people about **the plan for his secret truth**. That secret truth has been hidden in him since the beginning of time. He is the one who created everything.

[EASY](#)

I help everyone to **know how God makes his purpose happen**. God himself created all things, and he has hidden this secret during past times.

[EHV](#)

and to enlighten everyone about **the administration of this mystery**. In past ages this mystery remained hidden in God, who created all things.

[ESV](#)

and to bring to light for everyone what is **the plan of the mystery** hidden for ages in God, who created all things,

[ESVUK](#)

and to bring to light for everyone what is **the plan of the mystery** hidden for ages in God who created all things,

[EXB](#)

And God gave me the work of ·telling [making plain; enlightening] all people about the ·**plan for** [administration of; ^cthe same word translated “work” in v. 2] **his ·secret [mystery]**, which has been hidden ·in [*or* by] him ·since the beginning of time [^Lfrom the ages]. He is the One who created everything.

[GW](#)

He allowed me to explain **the way this mystery works**. God, who created all things, kept it hidden in the past.

[GNT](#)

and of making all people see how God's **secret plan is to be put into effect**. God, who is the Creator of all things, kept his secret hidden through all the past ages,

[HCSB](#)

and to shed light for all about the **administration of the mystery** hidden for ages in God who created all things.

[ICB](#)

And God gave me the work of telling all people **about the plan for God’s secret truth**. That secret truth has been hidden in God since the beginning of time. God is the One who created everything.

[ISV](#)

and help everyone see **how this secret that has been at work** was hidden for ages by God, who created all things.

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[LSB](#)

and to bring to light for all what is **the administration of the mystery** which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;

[LEB](#)

and to enlighten everyone *as to* what *is* **the administration of the mystery** hidden from the ages by God, who created all *things*,

[TLB](#)

and to explain to everyone that God is the Savior of the Gentiles too, just as he who made all **things had secretly planned** from the very beginning.

[MOUNCE](#)

and to make it plain to all what **is the administration of the mystery**, which was kept hidden for · ages in · God who created · all things,

[NOG](#)

He allowed me to explain **the way this mystery works**. God, who created all things, kept it hidden in the past.

[NABRE](#)

and to bring to light [for all] what is **the plan of the mystery** hidden from ages past in God who created all things,

[NASB](#)

and to enlighten all people as **to what the plan of the mystery** is which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things;

[NASB1995](#)

and to bring to light what is **the administration of the mystery** which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;

[NCB](#)

and to enlighten all concerning **the administration of the mystery** that had been kept hidden throughout the ages in God, the creator of all things.

[NCV](#)

And God gave me the work of telling all people about **the plan for his secret**, which has been hidden in him since the beginning of time. He is the One who created everything.

[NET](#)

and to enlighten everyone **about God's secret plan**—the mystery that has been hidden for ages in God who has created all things.

[NIRV](#)

God told me to make clear to everyone **how the mystery came about**. In times past it was kept hidden in the mind of God, who created all things.

[NIV](#)

and to make plain to everyone **the administration of this mystery**, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

[NIVUK](#)

and to make plain to everyone **the administration of this mystery**, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things.

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[NLV](#)

I was to make all men understand **the meaning of this secret**. God kept this secret to Himself from the beginning of the world. And He is the One Who made all things.

[NLT](#)

I was chosen to explain to everyone **this mysterious plan** that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning.

[NRSVA](#)

and to make everyone see what is **the plan of the mystery** hidden for ages in God who created all things;

[NRSVACE](#)

and to make everyone see what is **the plan of the mystery** hidden for ages in God who created all things;

[NRSVCE](#)

and to make everyone see what is **the plan of the mystery** hidden for ages in God who created all things;

[NRSVUE](#)

and to make everyone see what **is the plan of the mystery** hidden for ages in God, who created all things,

[NTFE](#)

My job is to make clear to everyone just what **the secret plan is**, the purpose that's been hidden from the very beginning of the world in God who created all things.

[OJB](#)

And to shed light on what is the pekudat Hashem of the Sod that was meOlam nistar (hidden) in Hashem, who created all things,

[RGT](#)

and make clear to all what **the stewardship of the mystery** is (which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God, Who has created all things by Jesus Christ);

[RSV](#)

and to make all men see what is **the plan of the mystery** hidden for ages in God who created all things;

[RSVCE](#)

and to make all men see what is **the plan of the mystery** hidden for ages in God who created all things;

[TLV](#)

and to bring to light **the plan of the mystery**—which for ages was hidden in God, who created all things.

[VOICE](#)

I am privileged to enlighten all of Adam's descendants **to the mystery** concealed from previous ages by God, the Creator of all, through Jesus the Anointed.

[WEB](#)

and to make all men see what is **the administration of the mystery** which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things through Jesus Christ,

[WE](#)

God has blessed me so that I might tell all people plainly **what his plan is**. God, who made all things, did not tell anyone about his plan in all the times in the past.

[WYC](#)

and to lighten all men [and to enlighten all men], **which is the dispensation of [the] sacrament** hid from worlds in God, that made all things of nought;

Bible versions with *koinonia*

KJ21

and to make all men see what is the **fellowship of the mystery**, which from the beginning of the world...

BRG

And to make all *men* see what *is* the **fellowship of the mystery**, which from the beginning of the world...

GNV

And to make clear unto all men what the **fellowship of the mystery** is, which from the beginning of the world...

JUB

and to make all *men* see what *is* the **fellowship of the mystery**, which from the ages has been hid in God...

KJV

And to make all men see what is the **fellowship of the mystery**, which from the beginning of the world...

AKJV

and to make all *men* see what *is* the **fellowship of the mystery**, which from the beginning of the world...

MEV

and to reveal for all people what is the **fellowship of the mystery**, which from the beginning of the ages...

KJV

and to make all see what *is* the **fellowship of the mystery**, which from the beginning of the ages...

NMB

and to make all men see what the **fellowship of the mystery** is. This mystery has from the beginning of the world...

YLT

and to cause all to see what [is] the **fellowship of the secret** that hath been hid from the ages in God...

Far Above All Translation

Eph 3:9

καὶ φωτίσαι πάντας τίς ἡ {RP P1904: οἰκονομία} [TR: κοινωνία] τοῦ μυστηρίου τοῦ ἀποκεκρυμμένου ἀπὸ τῶν αἰώνων ἐν τῷ θεῷ τῷ τὰ πάντα κτίσαντι διὰ Ἰησοῦ χριστοῦ,

and to enlighten everyone *as to* what the {RP P1904: dispensation} [TR: fellowship] of the mystery *is*, which *was* hidden from the ages in God, who created all *things* through Jesus Christ,

οἰκονομία, *dispensation*, RP P1904 F1859=11/13
vs. κοινωνία, *fellowship*, TR F1859=1/13 (Scrivener's e)
vs. κονομία (a misspelling probably from an exemplar reading οἰκονομία, *dispensation*), F1859=1/13 (Scrivener's k*). AV differs textually. RP HF on the Majority Text side and NA26 and other critical editions attest to a *dispensation of the mystery*.

was hidden: having been hidden.

The “one new man” of Eph 2:15 was created of the two in Christ at the cross. “But God”, “But Now”, “Now therefore”

When Israel was set aside, so were their promises.

Salvation is now available to all men equally.

The “fellowship of the mystery” was chosen in Christ before the overthrow of the world and is being called out from among the “one new man” (all in Christ).

What is unique about the fellowship of the mystery?

It is not connected to the promises and hope of Israel

It is of its own identity

What is unique about the fellowship of the mystery?

Its Headship

Its Blessings

Its Knowledge

Its Placement

Its Choosing

Its sealing

Its Authority

Its Judgment

Its Spirit

Its Habitation

Its Adoption

Its Understanding

Its Equality

Its Inheritance

Its Glory

Its Citizenship

Its Calling

Its Grace

Its Purpose

Its salvation

Its Hope

Its Resurrection

Its Workmanship

Its Good Works

Its Unity

Its Fullness

Its Perfection

Its Love

Philippians 1:3-7

*I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, ⁴ Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, ⁵ For your **fellowship (koinonia) in the gospel** from the first day until now; ⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: ⁷ Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.*

Phil 4:14-15

*Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did **communicate** with my affliction. Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church **communicated** with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.*

Communicate with (**sunkoinoneo**) my affliction
means ***having had fellowship*** with my afflictions...
Communicated (**koinoneo**) means ***partaker*** with
me...***fellowshipped*** with me concerning giving and
receiving.

Without right division and without the word of truth traditional Christianity can only be led to the natural conclusion that they must be somehow be associated with Israel in order to be included in God's chosen People.

**“Dispensation of the mystery”
does not occur in the Scriptures**

**The “Dispensation of the grace of God”
Given to Paul for us...
What does this mean?
Can it also be a mystery?**

(stay tuned)



The Fellowship of the Mystery