

Title: **"GOD WILLED TO MAKE KNOWN THIS MYSTERY AMONG THE GENTILES"**

Text: **Colossians 1:27**

**(I) A DIVINE MYSTERY HIDDEN**

*"the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints..." Colossians 1:26*

**1. Ages**

**2. Generations**

**(II) A DIVINE MYSTERY REVEALED I**

*"of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God" Colossians 1:25*

**1. Revealed to Paul**

**2. According to the stewardship from God**

**3. To fulfill the word of God**

**(III) A DIVINE MYSTERY REVEALED II**

*"To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles" Colossians 1:27a*

**1. Revealed to the Gentiles**

- a) Non-Jews (racially)
- b) Despised by the Jews

**2. This mystery**

- a) Revelation
- b) A special word/message from God

c) Riches of the glory of God

### **3. Unheard of**

### **4. Unacceptable to the Jews**

## **(IV) THE CONTENT OF THIS MYSTERY**

*"Which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" Colossians 1:27b*

### **1. Christ**

- a) The Messiah
- b) The Saviour of both Jews and Gentiles

### **2. Christ living in the hearts of Gentiles**

- a) The same hope as that promised to Israel
- b) The hope of glory
  - i) Present aspect: Glory
  - ii) Future aspect: Hope

## **(V) PREPARED TO PAY THE FULL PRICE**

### **1. Afflictions (Colossians 1:24)**

### **2. Vigorous ministry**

- a) Preaching
- b) Admonishing (warning)
- c) Teaching in all wisdom
- d) Labouring
- e) Striving mightily as God works in us
- f) Presenting every man mature (perfect) in Christ Jesus