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"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."
Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

INTRODUCTION

I. THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE BODY IN CHRIST JESUS.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility
Ephesians 2:13-14

A. We are FELLOW CITIZENS with God's people.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,
Ephesians 2:19

B. We are a DWELLING PLACE for God by the Spirit.

In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.
Ephesians 2:22

II. WHAT IS THE MYSTERY THAT PAUL REVEALS?

This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Ephesians 3:6

III. THE MANIFOLD WISDOM OF THE CHURCH IS SHOWN THROUGH THE MANIFOLD WITNESS OF EACH ONE OF US.

Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 3:7-10

IV. WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

- A. How has your "manifold witness" over the past few years built up the church or others in the world? Or has it built walls of hostility?

- B. In light of Paul's message, how will you choose to be a peacemaker for the sake of the Gospel?