

The Mystery is Revealed

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Introduction: I love a good mystery... or... How my life was changed by winning a 5th grade geography contest!

Text: Ephesians 6:19, 20

Main Idea: The mystery of the “good news” (or “the Easter Mystery”) is revealed to all people (including us!) in three ways:

I. Informing those who haven't heard – It's re-telling the news!

A. News of Jesus' actions - cf. summary of Ephesians 1

B. News of Jesus' administration - Ephesians 3:2-5

Illustration – the difference between boys and girls according to a 3 year old

– the difference between information and something “deeper”

II. Illuminating those who can't hear – It's reviving their spirit!

A. Can't hear because of spiritual “dead-ness”

B. Can't hear because of spiritual blindness

C. Can't love because of spiritual coldness

Illustration – the story of the “lost” cell phone

III. Inviting those who don't believe what they have heard – It's requesting a relationship

- Two kinds of language – descriptive and expressive

Conclusion: How will you receive “the Easter mystery”?