

MYSTERY - REVEALED

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INTRODUCTION

- A. Our use of the word “Mystery” today.
 - 1. That which is unknown.
 - 2. That which must be solved or figured out.
 - B. AMONG THE ANCIENT GREEKS.
 - 1. The “mysteries” were religious rites and ceremonies practiced by secret societies into which anyone who so desired might be received.
 - 2. Those who were initiated into these ‘mysteries’ became possessors of certain knowledge. Called the “perfected.”
 - C. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. (Used 26 times all but 4, by the apostle Paul)
 - 1. It denotes, not the mysterious (as with the English word), but that which, being outside the range of unassisted natural apprehension, can be made known only by Divine revelation.
 - 2. Its scriptural significance is Truth Revealed.
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IT IS USED OF....

- A. SPIRITUAL TRUTH GENERALLY.
 - 1. I Cor. 13:2; ...and know all mysteries and all knowledge...
 - 2. “Holding the **mystery** of the faith in a pure conscience.” (I Tim. 3:9).
 - B. CHRIST. *“how that by revelation was made known unto me the **mystery**, as I wrote before in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ which in other generations was not made known unto the sons of men, as it hath now been revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit.”* (Eph. 3:2-4).
 - 1. Col. 2:2, “that they may know the mystery of God, even Christ,
 - 2. In His life, death and resurrection (I Tim. 3:16; I Cor. 15:1-4).
 - 3. The Gospel. *“Now to him that is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of **the mystery** which hath been kept in silence through times eternal, but now is manifested, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, is made known unto all the nations unto obedience of faith: to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever. Amen.”* (Rom. 16:25-27).
 - C. THE CHURCH:
 - 1. Which is Christ’s body.
 - 2. The union of redeemed unto God. (More on church later)
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A. BY GOD:

1. *"but we speak God's wisdom in a **mystery**, even the wisdom that hath been hidden, which God foreordained before the worlds unto our glory"* (I Cor. 2:7).
2. Romans 16:25-27. Just read.
3. *"Whereof I was made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which was given me to you-ward, to fulfil the word of God, even the **mystery** which hath been hid for ages and generation; but now hath it been manifested to his saints,"* (Col. 1:24-26).

B. HOW?

1. By Revelation: (Eph. 1:9; 3:3).
2. "Concerning which salvation the prophets sought and searched diligently," (I Pet. 1:10-12).
 - a. That which they sought.
 - b. Is revealed to us today by revelation of the Spirit. God's Word.
3. *"And we have the word of prophecy made more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of private interpretation. For no prophecy ever came by the will of man; but men spake from God, being moved by the Holy Spirit.* (II Pet. 1:19-21).
 - a. Jesus promised in John 14:25-26 that the Spirit would come and direct them into all truth.
 - b. Promised again in Hebrews 2:3,4 READ.

C. ALL SCRIPTURE:

1. *"Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness; that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work."* (II Tim. 3:16,17).
 2. Promised in I Pet. 1:25, that the Word will Abide Forever.
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MYSTERY - THE GOSPEL

A. *"to make known with boldness the **mystery** of the gospel,"* (Eph. 6:19).

1. Meaning of "Gospel"
2. Good New, or Gld Tidings.

B. BIBLE DEFINITION:

1. I Cor. 15:1-4). READ
2. How is this Good News?

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- C. THIS, THE REVELATION OF GOD'S plan for man's redemption.
1. Sin had separated man from God.
 2. The result of sin was death.
 3. All men sinned - therefore all condemned to death.
 4. The revelation of the 'mystery of the gospel,' is that Christ died for us.
 5. His death set us free from condemnation.
 6. The Gospel is the revelation of the way that God had foreordained, as the way of salvation. (Eph. 1:3-7; READ)
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Mystery of The Church

- A. *"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 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; to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord;"* (Eph. 3:8-11).
1. THE MEANS OR HOW, God was going to bring man back to Him was long a question and desire of man.
 2. I Pet. 1:10ff speaks of the desire the prophets had to see and know of salvation.
- B. Jesus came and declared in Matt. 16:24 "I will build my church..."
1. Purchased in with His blood. (Acts 20:28).
 2. He will deliver it up unto God (I Cor. 15:24).
 3. Paul declared that the 'manifold wisdom of God' revealed in the church.
- C. THE CHURCH IS THE MANIFEST WISDOM OF GOD FOR SAVING US
1. CAN YOU IMAGINE MAN SAYING:
 - a. The church is not necessary.
 - b. Doesn't make any difference
 - c. You don't need to be a part of it.
 - d. Etc.
- E. CONCLUSION:
1. THE LAST MYSTERY REVEALED IS OUR ETERNAL HOME!
 2. Rev. 21, 22.
 3. I Thess. 4;13ff.
- F. How happy we should be that the "mystery" has been revealed.
- G. INVITATION;