

# Mysteries Revealed

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As believers in our Lord Jesus Christ, we are  
stewards of these mysteries

- Mystery of Christ
- Mystery of the Gospel
- Mystery of Godliness
- Mystery of Christ in Us
- Mystery of Sealing of the Holy Spirit
- Mystery of the Church with Christ as Head
- Mystery of the Church as the Bride of Christ
- Mystery of the rapture
- Mystery of lawlessness
- Mystery of Israel's restoration
- Mystery of God finished

# Why the importance of these Mysteries?

- These are truths uniquely revealed to us in the Church Age
- Keeps us from falling into false teaching
- The preeminence of Christ is understood...Col 1:15-20
- We are to be good stewards of these mysteries
  - Stewards were those in the house with responsible for all the Master's house.
  - 1 Cor 4:1-2

# Mysteries

- A Mystery in Paul's writings...the revelation of a marvelous truth kept secret since the world began. A mystery in the NT is a truth never previously known, and a truth which human intellect could never discover, but one which has now been made known to believers .. MacDonald.
- Mystery of Christ
  - Col 2:2-3
    - The true Knowledge of God's mystery, that is Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Christ is in the believer as Head, center and resource. The pre-eminent wealth of His infinite greatness by all that He is essentially as God by all that He has accomplished in creation and in redemption.
- Mystery of the Gospel
  - Rom 16:25, 1 Cor 15:1-4, Eph 5:6
    - The public heralding to Jew and Gentile of the message that Jesus Christ was crucified, buried and raised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day for our redemption.
- Mystery of Godliness
  - 1 Tim 3:16
    - The Person and Work of the Lord Jesus in a very marvelous and wonderful progression, His incarnation, vindicated by the Holy Spirit at His baptism, Revealed to Angels, Preached to all people, The gospel is saving people all over the world, Ascended to Heaven. Also, the order of the Lord's time on earth until His fulfillment and ascension to Glory.
- Mystery of Christ in us
  - Col 1:27 - Riches of the glory of this mystery
    - The Gentiles could partake of this salvation - Christ in you, the hope of Glory
    - The Lord Jesus Christ would dwell in each member of His redeemed church and "where two or three are gathered together there am I in the midst"...

# Mysteries of Sealing of the Holy Spirit

- Mystery of Sealing and Indwelling of Holy Spirit
  - In the Church and in us – The mystery of the indwelling and leading of the Holy Spirit
    - In the OT the Holy Spirit dwelt temporally or came upon them, Holy Spirit indwells believer today
  - Jesus promised in John 16:7-11 I will send Him to you...
  - Eph 1:13-14 – sealed by the Holy Spirit
    - Moment we were saved we receive the Holy Spirit. We receive the Holy Spirit and is not contingent on anything but Christ's finished work.
  - Eph 3:17...only by faith, believing the gospel. Empowers our understanding of scripture.
  - 1 Cor 3:16.. God's Spirit dwells in you, Empowers holy living and a fruitful life.
  - Rom 8:9-11 The Spirit of him who raised Jesus, will also give life to our mortal bodies.
  - 2 Cor 1:22
    - We are eternally secure with the sealing of the Holy Spirit. We are under the official seal with the stamp of mark of identification giving security, authenticity, ownership and authority.
  - Eph 4:30 and 1 Thes 5:19
    - Warning against grieving or quenching the Holy Spirit but walk and live in the Spirit – Gal 5:16, 25

# Mystery of Christ as Head

- Mystery of the Church with Christ as Head, Preeminent one and Preserver
  - Eph 3:9,10 Mystery hidden in the ages
  - Eph 5:22-32
    - Christ as head loves the Church and the Church submits to Christ.
      - Marriage displays this truth in Love and Submission.
      - The Church today wants it their way even as Christ knocks on the door.
  - Col 1:18-20,24 Head of the body, the church- a called out assembly.
    - Everyone who is saved is in the church and refers to a particular time, the church age.
      - Three classes of people during this time, 1 Cor 10:32, Jews, Gentiles, and the Church
  - Eph 1:8,10,22-23 Eph 4:4
  - To call out a heavenly people of all nations to become one, body of Christ.
    - 2 Cor 11:2, espoused to Christ, Bride of the Lamb, Body and the Church
    - Church – called out ones - All saved since Christ's death to the Rapture. Eph 2:16
    - 1 Cor 12:27, 28
    - We display the truth of Christ as Head the Church and the Church as subject to him with the visible display of uncovered heads of men and covered heads of women.
    - In Christ we become One as shown in marriage relationship.
  - Christ as Head impacts everything about the Church and how we respond as the Body of Christ.

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- **Mystery of the Church as the bride of Christ**
  - 2 Cor 11:2 – Espoused to Christ. Not directly called a bride by Apostle Paul.
  - Eph 5:22-31 – Marriage is type of Christ and the Church.
  - Presented as a bride to the Lord Jesus Christ at the rapture.
    - Enjoy that position as noted in the Marriage supper of the Lamb – Rev 19:9
    - Show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb....Rev 21:9
- **Mystery of the Rapture**
  - 1 Cor 15:50-51, 1 Thes 4:15-18, Phil 3:20,21
    - We say “We must die” but the Apostle Paul says “We shall not all die”.
    - God will bring back those who have fallen asleep to rejoin with their resurrected bodies
    - We who are alive will be transformed to our eternal body.

# Mysteries of Christ

- **Mystery of Lawlessness**
  - 2 Thess 2:7-12
  - The lawlessness currently at work will be unrestrained during the tribulation.
  - The lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay.
- **Mystery of Israel restoration**
  - Rom 11:25-26
  - Fullness of Gentile times completed
  - God's covenant promise to Israel will be fulfilled.
  - All Israel will be saved in the end
- **Mystery of God Finished**
  - Rev 10:7
    - All Prophecy is fulfilled
    - The full reality of all the mysteries of God will be apparent.