

# NEW TESTAMENT MYSTERIES

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In discussing any religious subject we must try to keep all things in "proper context". Let me discuss here some "mysteries" revealed in the New Testament.

**Mystery of Godliness:** "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory. "{1 Timothy 3:16}

Christ's personality is clearly depicted in this passage. God was manifested in the flesh, John 11:35; justified in the Spirit, Matthew 3:16; seen by angels, Hebrews 1:6; preached among the Gentiles, Ephesians 2:14-16; believed on in the world, John 9:38; received up in glory, Acts 1:9-11.

**Mystery Kept Secret:** "Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began ... "{Romans 16:25}

All the teaching of the prophets, came alive when Christ came to earth. The "hidden knowledge" was being revealed before them. Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. "{Matthew 5:17}

**Mystery of The Faith:** "Holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. " {1 Timothy 3:9} The truth must be held and never compromised. We must teach and preach the whole counsel of God, never wavering in our conviction of its power to convert the sinner.

"For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. " {Acts 20:27}

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. " {Romans 1:16}

**Mystery Of Christ:** "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church." {Ephesians 5:31,32} Christ and the church are tied together by a great sacrificial love, much like the husband and wife relationship.

"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. {Acts 20:28}

**Mystery Of Lawlessness:** "For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. " {2 Thessalonians 2:7} Satan is ever busy trying to counterfeit the truth of God's teachings. This has been so from the beginning of time and will continue until time comes to an end. Remember, the Garden of Eden?

**Mystery of Glorification:** "It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. " {1 Corinthians 15:43}

We have lived in this body of clay to obey His commandments. When it goes to the grave it returns to the dust, from which it came, yet, will be resurrected a "glorious body".

"Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. " {1 John 3:2}

Some get confused when they are discussing "mysteries" since we have a different understanding of the word. In the New Testament this word means "that which has been revealed or been made known." Yes, many of these things were hidden in the past and only partly revealed. The only yet to be fully made known is the last. — to be fully revealed at the final resurrection.

So many seem to think that the Bible is a confusing puzzle too difficult to understand. Only when one doesn't read the "whole story!" \*\*\*