

89. 14 MYSTERY DOCTRINES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Mystery: A truth hidden up to this point, but now revealed.

DOCTRINAL:

1. Mystery of the **FAITH**. I Timothy 3:9.
Those things most surely believed among us. Luke 1:1.
The Doctrine of Christ. II John 9; Hebrews 6:1,2.
The Apostle's Doctrines. Acts 2:42.
2. Mystery of the **GOSPEL**. Ephesians 6:19; Romans 16:25.
Christ died shedding His blood on the cross, to pay for our sins, was buried and rose again. Christ offers forgiveness and justification to those who believe and call on Christ to save them.
3. Mystery of **CHRIST**. Ephesians 3:1-12. v.6.
Jew and Gentile are brought into one body, the church.
The distinction has been removed by Christ and we are made fellow heirs of the promises.
4. Mystery of the **BRIDE**. Ephesians 5:21-33, v.31,32 and Revelation 21:9.
As a husband and wife become one flesh, so the church becomes one flesh with Christ.
The church is the Bride and Christ is the Bridegroom.
5. Mystery of the **7 STARS** and **7 CHURCHES**. Revelation 1:20.
 - a) 7 Stars: Represent preachers bringing God's message to God's people.
 - b) 7 Churches: Predict the state of Christendom during each of the 7 different time periods from the Apostles to the Rapture.
6. Mystery of **GODLINESS**. I Timothy 3:16.
The secret of living a Godly life is occupying ourselves with Jesus Christ as seen here:
 - a) God was manifest in the flesh, means that Christ, as God, came as a man.
 - b) Justified in the Spirit, at His Baptism (Mark 1:9-11), Transfiguration and Resurrection.
(I Peter 3:18, Romans 8:11).
 - c) Seen of Angels. Christ is Head of all principalities and powers. Colossians 2:10.
Angels were present at **Christ's birth**, at His **40 days** fasting in the wilderness, at **Gethsemane**, at His **Resurrection** and at His **Ascension**.
 - d) Preached unto the Gentiles, means many Christians missionary labours.
 - e) Believed on in the world, means people who are saved.
 - f) Received up to glory, means His Ascension.

DISPENSATIONAL:

7. Mystery of the **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**. Matthew 13.

In the Church age, Christendom will include genuinely saved people and false imitators, as shown by these 12 parables of the:

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| a) Sower | e) Hid treasure | i) Vineyard labourers |
| b) Wheat and Tares | f) Pearl | j) Marriage feast |
| c) Mustard seed | g) Drag net | k) 10 Virgins |
| d) Leaven | h) Unmerciful servant | l) Talents. |

8. Mystery of **ISRAEL'S BLINDNESS**. Romans 11:25.
This is the temporary setting aside of Israel in the Church Age.
9. Mystery of the **RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH**. I Corinthians 15:51.
This is the coming of Christ to the air, prior to His visible appearing, to remove a select company of His people to Heaven, before judgment falls on an ungodly world. This is a truth never mentioned in the Old Testament. This is taught in John 14:1-3; I Thessalonians 4:13-16; Philippians 3:20-21; I Corinthians 15:51-58.
10. Mystery of **GOD'S WILL**. Ephesians 1:9,10.
God's purpose for man and the universe is that all things shall be headed up in Jesus Christ, and that through Jesus Christ blessing shall be brought to all things in Heaven and on Earth.
11. Mystery of **GOD**. Revelation 10:7.
This is why God has restrained so long for thousands of years in love and patience before judging man for his wickedness. Why has God allowed evil men to continue in wickedness and seeming to get away with it?
It is to allow men time to repent.

DEVOTIONAL:

12. Mystery of the **INDWELLING CHRIST**. Colossians 1:24-29.
God desires to dwell with and among His people, and in us.
"Christ in you, the hope of glory" is the secret of **holy** living, of **power** and **joy** in service. God dwelt with man in Eden, in the Tabernacle (Exodus 25:8); in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:3); the Holy Spirit indwelling believers (John 14:16-17,23), during Christ's life and ministry.
 - a) The secret of bearing fruit is found in John 15:4, "Abide in me.."
 - b) The secret of sanctification, is found in Romans 6:1-19, "Know, reckon,yield."
 - c) Result: Christ governs my thoughts, actions and words. Self will is expelled. I will have constant, intimate communion with Christ as my friend.

DIABOLICAL:

13. Mystery of **INIQUITY**. II Thessalonians 2:1-17, v.7. This means that:
 - a) Apostasy in Doctrine will increase towards the end of the age.
 - b) Development of the deification of man (humanism).
 - c) Deception of those who deliberately reject the Gospel.
14. Mystery of **BABYLON THE GREAT**. Revelation 17 and 18. Note 17:18. This is an evil, false religious system, with its capital at Rome, operating in the Church Age.