

## Understanding the Mystery of the Gospel according to Paul (and Stuart)

### the Simple Gospel

(1 Cor 15:1-4) <sup>1</sup>Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the **gospel** which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, (2 Co 11:3) <sup>3</sup>But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity (singleness) that is in Christ.

### the Mystery of the Gospel

(Ep 6:19) <sup>19</sup>and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, (Col 4:3-4) <sup>3</sup>meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, <sup>4</sup>that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

#### **this Mystery is made Manifest through His Word**

(Ro 16:25-26) <sup>25</sup>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 <sup>26</sup>but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith

#### **this Mystery doesn't just Save you, but allows Christ to Establish you**

#### **this Mystery is Understood by Revelation**

#### **this Mystery is God's Secret Plan from Creation now Revealed**

(1 Cor 2:6-10) <sup>6</sup>However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup>But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, <sup>8</sup>which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." <sup>10</sup>But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

#### **Mature Wisdom - Study Scripture**

(Heb 5:13-14) <sup>13</sup>For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. <sup>14</sup>But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

#### **Deep Things of God - Revelation through His Spirit (Intimacy)**

#### **Key: Combining Study and Intimacy**

**1 Cor 2:9 is profound, but not about Heaven**

**Isaiah (Is 64:4) is foreseeing this Mystery now made Manifest**

## Seven Mysteries of the Gospel, Hidden from Creation, now Revealed

- **God became Flesh** (1 Tim 3:16)
- **Indwelling Christ** (Col 1:26-27)
- **Resurrection/Glorification of Body** (1 Cor 15:50-53)
- **Bridal Relationship** (Eph 5:31-32)
- **One New Man** (Eph 2:11-3:11)
- **All Things in Him** (Eph 1:9-10)
- **Eternally Chosen Israel** (Rom 11:11-14, 25-33)

## Paul considered the entire Mystery of the Gospel Essential

(1 Co 4:1-2) <sup>1</sup>Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the **mysteries** of God. <sup>2</sup>Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.

(Ac 20:26-27) <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. <sup>27</sup>For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.

(Col 2:2-4, 8) <sup>2</sup>that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the **mystery** of God, both of the Father and of Christ, <sup>3</sup>in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. <sup>4</sup>Now this I say lest anyone should deceive you with persuasive words. ...

<sup>8</sup>Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

## there is Treasure in the Mystery for Living Life that the world wants to cheat you out of Study Scripture (Understanding - Wisdom, Knowledge)

(Pr 25:2) <sup>2</sup>It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

## Intimacy with Jesus (Revelation)

(Jn 15:15) <sup>15</sup>“No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.