# **Understanding the Mystery of the Gospel** according to Paul (and Stuart) part 2

#### Understanding: Study of Scripture, Revelation through His Spirit

(Mt 22:29) <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered and said to them, "You are <u>mistaken</u>, not knowing the <u>Scriptures</u> nor the <u>power of God</u>. (need relationship with both)

## Paul received Understanding of the Mystery of the Gospel by Revelation

(Ep 3:3-5) how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:

(Ga 1:11-12, 15-16) <sup>11</sup>But I make known to you, brethren, that the <u>gospel</u> which was preached by me is not according to man. <sup>12</sup>For <u>I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it</u>, but it <u>came through the **revelation of Jesus Christ**</u>. ... <sup>15</sup>But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, <sup>16</sup>to <u>reveal His</u> <u>Son in me</u>, that I might <u>preach Him</u> among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, (**Revealing Him Proportional to Revelation of Him**)

Jesus had to Open the Scriptures for the Apostles to Understand even the Basic Gospel (Lk 24:27, 32 Emmaus) <sup>27</sup>And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. ... <sup>32</sup>And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

(Jn 20:9 empty tomb) <sup>9</sup>For as yet they <u>did not know the Scripture</u>, that <u>He must rise again from the dead</u>.

(Lk 24:44-45 after resurrection) <sup>44</sup>Then He said to them, "These are the <u>words which I spoke</u> to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were <u>written in the</u> Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." <sup>45</sup>And He opened their <u>understanding</u>, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

## **Mystery of the Gospel Hidden in plain sight (Scriptures)**

Hidden in Parables - Mysteries of the Kingdom (Mk 4:11-12, Lk 8:10)

(Mt 13:10-17) <sup>10</sup>And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" <sup>11</sup>He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the **mysteries of the kingdom** of heaven, but to them it has not been given. <sup>12</sup>"For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. <sup>13</sup>"Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. <sup>14</sup>"And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall <u>not understand</u>, and seeing you will see and <u>not perceive</u>; <sup>15</sup>For the <u>hearts</u> of this people have grown <u>dull</u>. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should <u>understand with their hearts</u> and turn, so that I should heal them.' <sup>16</sup>"But blessed are <u>your eyes</u> for they <u>see</u>, and <u>your ears</u> for they <u>hear</u>; <sup>17</sup>"for assuredly, I say to you that <u>many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see</u>, and did not see it, <u>and to hear what you hear</u>, and did not hear it. (1 Cor 2:9)

Hearing Heart required to receive Revelation (See, Hear)

(1Co 2:14) <sup>14</sup>But the natural man does not receive the <u>things of the Spirit of God</u>, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are <u>spiritually discerned</u>. (context)

#### Revelation from His Spirit required to Understand

(Lk 10:20-24) <sup>20</sup>"Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." <sup>21</sup>In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have <u>hidden these things from the wise and prudent</u> and revealed them to babes. Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight. <sup>22</sup>"All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and the one to whom the <u>Son wills to reveal Him</u>." <sup>23</sup>Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the <u>eyes which see the things you see</u>; <sup>24</sup>"for I tell you that many prophets and kings have <u>desired to see what you see</u>, and have not seen it, and to <u>hear what you hear</u>, and have not heard it." (**Manifestation of Kingdom** Lk 12:32)

**Babes: receive Kingdom like Child** (Mk 10:14-15, Lk 18:17), **Humility** (Mt 18:1-4) **Childlike Heart - Heart of David** 

(Ps 119:18) <sup>18</sup>Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.

**Develop Marveling Heart - Desire to See & Hear** (Ps 27:4)

Mystery of the Gospel, Mystery of Christ, Mysteries of the Kingdom freely Available based on Childlike Desire

(Jn 5:37-40) <sup>37</sup>"And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. <sup>38</sup>"But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. <sup>39</sup>"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. <sup>40</sup>"But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

Word is a Tool for the Revelation of Jesus

Abiding Word (Heart) (Jn 15:4-5,7 Manifest Kingdom)

**Meditation (Ps 1:2), Conversation (IHOP -rwssp), Application** (Jam 1:22)