

Mystery: God Became Flesh

Mystery Gospel: Secret since world began, Now Manifest (Rom 16:25-26)

Jesus coming in flesh is an Essential Doctrine (1 Jn 4:1-3) - Mystery? (Ps 2:7)

Jesus had to make Propitiation for sin in the flesh (Heb 2:17, Rom 5:12-21, 1 Cor 15:21-22)

(1Ti 3:16) 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.

Fully Man - **modeled humanity** (best human ever)

Fully God - **modeled God** (Col 1:15)

(Jn 14:7-9) “If you had **known Me**, you would have **known My Father also**; and from now on you **know Him** and have **seen Him**.” ... Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not **known Me**, Philip? **He who has seen Me has seen the Father**;

Spirit Justified (declared Righteous) - **modeled God’s Righteousness**

(Jn 14:10-11) ¹⁰“Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the **Father who dwells in Me does the works**. ¹¹“Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else **believe Me for the sake of the works** themselves.

Works were His Justification in the Spirit

(Jn 1:1, 14) ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the **Word was God**. ¹⁴And the **Word became flesh and dwelt among us**, and **we beheld His glory**, the glory as of the **only begotten of the Father**, full of **grace and truth**.

modeled God’s Glory - Goodness (Ex 33:18-19, 34:6-7)

Mystery of Godliness: Imitation of God (Eph 5:1, 1 Cor 11:1)

common NT expectation, rare OT (no WWYD) because impossible without Incarnation

(1Co 2:16) For “**who has known the mind of the LORD** that he may instruct Him?” (Is 40:13) But we have the **mind of Christ**. (context: Mystery vs 7, 9-10)

we can think like Him because now we can Know Him

Upgraded Covenant

(Je 31:33-34) ³³“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their **minds**, and write it on their **hearts**; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall **know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will **forgive** their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.” (approach Him directly)

Knowing Him, we can model His Righteousness - His Mind & Heart (vs rules)

Greater Works (Jn 14:12) follows Imitating His Mind & Heart (Jn 14:7-9)

Upgraded Love (Jn 13:34)

Knowing Him, we can model His Glory - Goodness (ex: Steven vs OT)

Rom 12:2 Choice - we become Model of that Choice