

INTRODUCTION

1 Corinthian 2:7 *But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,*

The mystery of wisdom which was kept secret since the world began is now made manifest to us by His Spirit in the gospel. Paul was given revelation from God, wisdom from God which was once hidden away but now ordained for our glory.

Many of the greatest truths in the NT were hidden from understanding in the OT as mysteries. They were there for those who loved God and desired to understand Him but were hidden or obscured from those who had closed their hearts and minds to spiritual truth.

Thanks be to God that He revealed these things to us through the apostle Paul for our edification and understanding. Paul calls this hidden wisdom, mysteries and he reveals them to us for our further investigation.

We will introduce and discuss some of these revealed mysteries for your growth in the word and further study.

INSTRUCTION

I. HIDDEN WISDOM

A. The mystery of the G _____ of G _____

1. NT revelation Romans 16:25; 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Ephesians 3:8-11
2. OT prophecy Psalm 40:9-10; Psalm 51:9-12; Psalm 62:5-8; Psalm 118:19-27; Psalm 119

B. The mystery of the K _____

1. NT Mark 4:11-12; Luke 2:31-32; Matthew 13:10-17
2. OT Exodus 19:5-6; Numbers 24:5-7; Psalm 22:27-31; Isaiah 9:6-7; Psalm 45:6; Daniel 2:44; Psalm 145:10-13; Psalm 146:10;

C. The mystery of the C _____

1. NT Ephesians 1:7-10; Ephesians 3:1-6; Colossians 3:9-11
2. OT Psalm 67:1-2; Isaiah 49:6; Psalm 67:11-2; Isaiah 60:1-3

D. The mystery of M _____

1. NT Ephesians 5:25-32; 2 Corinthians 6:14-15; 2 Corinthians 11:2
2. OT Genesis 2

E. The mystery of the L _____ D _____

1. The R _____
1 Corinthians 15:51-57; Isaiah 25:8-9; 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
Genesis 5:24; 2 Kings 2:11
2. The Mystery of L _____
2 Thessalonians 2:3-8; Daniel 11:31-32; 2 Timothy 3:2-5

II. THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST- Godliness

Colossians 4:3; Colossians 2:1-3

INTROSPECTION

Everyone we know has eyes and ears. We can't know whether they are receptive to the gospel but we can tell them. Are you sharing the gospel of God's grace with others?

- Is the kingdom of God all the world to you or are you still seeking the world?
- Do you see your brothers and sisters in Christ here and around the world as one unity? Do you see any distinction or show any preference for one believer over another? Do you pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who are suffering for His Name.
- Are fulfilling your role within marriage faithfully and therefore manifesting the relationship between Christ and His church? Husbands do you love your wife as Christ loved the church? Wives do you submit to your husbands? Are you both submitting to Christ and to one another?
- As we see the last days approaching, are you being a faithful steward of the mystery that Christ has revealed to you? Are you pursuing godliness?
- Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore change the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

Jesus said that the Kingdom of heaven is within you. What does that mean to you?

What does it mean for the wife to submit to the husband?

How can we better reflect the relationship between Christ and the church in our marriages?