

THE MYSTERIES WE SHOULD KNOW

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 We are stewards of the mysteries of God and we need to be found faithful in our stewardship.

Biblical Stewardship - manage and take care of something valuable that belongs to God, in this case the doctrinal truths that are called the mysteries of God

Why are they called mysteries? Because they are difficult to understand or explain. We can know these mysteries but they are hard to fully grasp and comprehend. Nevertheless a Christian ought to know them, believe them, and teach them, and hold on to them.

How can we as Christians be good stewards and be found faithful in our stewardship if we don't know what these mysteries are? That is why we are doing this study tonight.

1. God manifest in the Flesh

1 Timothy 3:16 (all new versions change this), John 1:1, 14, 1 John 5:20, Isaiah 9:6-7, Zechariah 12:10

2. Christ in you (Kingdom of God: You in Christ and Christ in You)

Colossians 1:25-27, 1 Corinthians 6:19, 2 Corinthians 13:5, John 14:15-17 – KOG (Luke 17:21, Romans 14:17)

Christ dwells inside all Christians, he does not dwell in unbelievers. You are eternally secured because of Christ dwelling you and being married to your spirit (1 Corinthians 6:17)

Christ in two places at once John 3:13 (only in KJV)

3. Christ and the Church

Ephesians 5:22-32, Genesis 2:20-25, 2 Corinthians 11:2

We are members of his flesh and bone. We are married to Christ. The church is called the bride of Christ. We are joined to him spiritually now, but physically later – waiting for our new body liken unto his glorious body. There will be a marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7-9)

4. Restoration of Israel

Romans 11:25-29

After the church is completed, God raptures us out and goes back to Israel. God is not through with Israel. During the tribulation you have 144,000 male virgin Jews that are sealed (Revelation 7, 14), they are likely preaching the gospel of the kingdom. Jews will keep the commandments and have the faith of Jesus (Revelation 12:17, 14:12)

5. Mystery of Iniquity

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

The Mystery of the Antichrist, That spirit of antichrist was already at work in the days of the apostle Paul, John wrote about it as well in his letters. It culminates in the Devil manifest in the flesh, a counterfeit of the mystery of godliness. He is the man of sin, son of perdition, that wicked one who will be resurrected from the dead after receiving a deadly wound (Revelation 13:1-4)

6. Mystery of the Whore of Babylon

It is the Roman Catholic Church (Revelation 17). She rides the revived Roman Empire during the tribulation. She is called Babylon the Great the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the earth. She is that great city that reigned in the days of the apostle John and sits on seven mountains - Rome

7. The Rapture

I Corinthians 15:51-57, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (make mention of what Job says, different resurrections)

Our bodies changed in a twinkling of an eye and we shall meet Christ in the air, then go through the judgment seat of Christ, then the marriage supper of the Lamb and then come back to earth and fight alongside the Lord at the great day of God Almighty. Some of us, if we suffered, will rule and reign with Christ.