

# TO MAKE MEN SEE THE MYSTERY OUR PURPOSE IN CHRIST

*"...to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery,  
which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God,  
who created all things by Jesus Christ"*

*~ Ephesians 3:9*

## 1. What is this mystery?

- a. We are to make all men see the fellowship of the mystery - Eph 3:9. So, what is it?
- b. It is God's hidden purpose to send free salvation and unsearchable riches to Gentiles by the preaching of the cross forming the church in Christ that will reign in heavenly places.
- c. A few verses that describe the mystery of Christ – Rom 3:24, 8:32, 11:25, 16:25, 1 Cor 2:7-8, 1 Cor 9:17, Ephesians 1:3, 2:6-9, 3:1-9, 5:32, Col 1:27
- d. We now know how all men can be in Christ and serve the Lord forever–Eph 1:9-10
- e. There are other ways to preach Jesus Christ from the Bible; we must learn to identify the mystery of Christ. (*Most fall asleep at the word 'learn'...*)

## 2. Why is it important?

- a. Without seeing the mystery there is confusion, ignorance, and a lack of response.
- b. Seeing the mystery clarifies salvation confusion – 2 Cor 4:3, 2 Tim 3:16
- c. Acknowledging the mystery helps make the Bible understandable again.
- d. The mystery of Christ is God's response to all religion – Col 2:16; to all sin – Col 2:13-14, Rom 6:23; and to all humanity – Col 3:11, Gal 3:28
- e. Ignorance of the mystery is ignorance of God's will – Eph 5:17

## 3. The Fellowship of the Mystery

- a. More than just knowing doctrines, it is the possession of riches for our life in Christ
- b. We are to make men see the *fellowship* which is with Christ – Eph 3:9, 1 Cor 1:9
- c. You have unsearchable riches by God's grace–Eph 1:7,1:18, Col 1:27,2:2, Rom 5:1
- d. You have a new identity and responsibility in the church–2Cor 5:17, Eph 4:16, 5:32
- e. Without the mystery your spiritual growth will be stunted and you weakened.
- f. Don't let any one spoil you of these riches – Col 2:7-9, 2:18; Rom 8:31
- g. Once you've learned them, there is no turning back.

## 4. An Original Hymn

- a. The original was "*I have decided to follow Jesus*" which is wrong on multiple levels.
- b. Words rewritten as an anthem for making all men see the mystery
- c. It requires study (verse 1), and big words (verse 2), but it is God's purpose to strengthen you (verse 3), and it is his will for the church (verse 4-5)
  - i. Verse 4 – We have a mission from Christ to follow...
  - ii. Verse 5 – We are the members of Christ's own body...