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"I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for His Body's sake, which is the church: of which I was made a minister, according to the stewardship of God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God; even the **mystery** which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints; to whom God desired to make known what is the riches of the glory of this **mystery** among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory; whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus; for which I also labor, striving according to His working, which works in me mightily. For I want youth know what great conflict I have for you, and for those at Laodicea, and for all those who have not seen my face in the flesh, that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the **Mystery of God**: **Christ**; In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.! (Colossians 1:24-29, 2:1-3)

Mystery: from the Greek word *musterion* which means: a mystery, a secret; of which initiation, or (Devine) <u>revelation</u> is necessary.

Jesus is Gods Mystery now revealed! Consider also these passages:

"For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you: that by <u>revelation</u> He made known unto me <u>The Mystery</u>; as I wrote beforehand in few words, that now, when you read, you may realize my understanding in the Mystery (of) Christ; which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel; of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power. Unto me, who is less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the 'unsearchable' riches of Christ; and to enlighten everyone as to what is the stewardship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in **God**, who created all things; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord!" (Ephesians 3:1-11)

"However we speak wisdom among those who are perfect; yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, that comes to nothing. But we speak the **wisdom of God** *in a* <u>mystery</u>, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory; which none of the rulers of this world understood: for had they understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written, "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him." "God has revealed them unto us by His Spirit;..."! Corinthians 2:6-10)

"Now to Him who is of power establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of The Mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen." (Romans 16:25-27)

Jesus is Gods Mystery revealed; which was ordained, and kept secret since before the world began; and was hidden from past generations, but now has been made manifest to His saints in and through the coming of Christ Jesus - in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge!

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Some of the hidden <u>treasures of wisdom and knowledge</u> revealed in and through the **Mystery** of **God - Christ Jesus** are:

Mystery G: Jesus is the Messiah and Savior of the Gentile nations also! (Eph. 3:1-11)

Mystery O: Jesus came to save both the Jews and Gentiles <u>from Sin</u>, not from foreign domination! (Matthew 1:21; Acts 13:23; Acts 10: 38-<u>43</u>; John 1:29;)

Mystery D: Jesus became the <u>final once for all sacrificial Passover Lamb</u>, <u>for sin</u>, <u>through His death on the Cross</u>, and replaces the old covenant sacrificial system, becoming the Guarantee of a Better Covenant! (Hebrews 9:11-15; 9:24-28)

Mystery S: Through Jesus <u>we</u> are saved by Faith in His redemptive work on the cross, and not by works of the Old Testament Law.! (Ephesians 2:4-10)

Mystery M: Jesus became <u>our</u> one and only <u>Great High Priest</u>, <u>our</u> one and only Mediator and Advocate between us and the Father! (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Mystery Y: Gods Spirit, the Holy Spirit, is the Spirit of Christ Jesus, who dwells in us; and as Jesus said, "will guide us into all truth." (John 14:16-17; 16:7-14)

Mystery S: Jesus is <u>God</u> incarnate! <u>Emmanuel - God with us!</u> And has preexisted eternally with the Father. (Matthew 1:23; John 1:1-5)

Mystery T: Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and The Life, and <u>no one</u> can come to the Father except through Jesus! (John 14:6)

Mystery E: Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life through whom <u>everyone</u> who lives and believes in Jesus shall never die! (John 11:24-25)

Mystery R: Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, The First and the Last, and the Beginning and the Ending; three titles of equal Divinity with the Father! (Rev. 22:13)

Mystery Y: Jesus is God's Mystery who became 'Christ in us' the hope of glory!

Jesus Is ...

The Mystery of God,

Christ Revealed!!

The Hope of glory for both Jews and non Jews! Emmanuel – God with <u>us!</u>

The hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world, In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge!

Thank You heavenly Father for Your Precious Mystery Who is now is made manifest to us: even Jesus our Lord and Savior!

Thank You Jesus – Always and Always - Amen!