

14 - DIVINE MYSTERIES (SECRETS)

#	SECRET	SCRIPTURE	COMMENT
		DOCTRINAL	
1	The Gospel	Now to him that is of power to stablish 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, Rom. 16:25	<p>This word Mystery describes a hidden or secret thing revealed by God to His own. In Scripture it stands in contrast to the manifest or public dealings of God. The Lord Jesus having been rejected is now hidden in the heavens, and the ways of God are secret to the world. His hidden purpose, which is also being accomplished, is manifested to those who have 'ears to hear.'</p> <p>The Lord often spoke in parables to the multitude, but explained them to His followers, because it was given unto them to know the mysteries of the kingdom. Matt. 13: 11; Mark 4: 11; Luke 8: 10.</p> <p>Christianity today is a mystery to the unconverted. The apostles were stewards of the mysteries of God, and they spoke "the wisdom of God in a mystery."</p> <p>Also the Apostle Paul spoke of the 'mystery of the gospel,' the 'mystery of the faith,' the 'mystery of Christ,' and the 'mystery of godliness,' or piety. 1 Cor. 2: 7; 1 Cor. 4: 1; Eph. 6: 19; Col. 4: 3; 1 Tim. 3: 9, 16.</p> <p>Paul speaks of the marvelous purpose of God, the mystery of the Church, as well as its present administration, that had been hidden to past ages. Eph. 1: 9; Eph. 3: 3, 4, 9; Col. 1: 26, 27. It is in the Church, that Christ the living Head, is displayed to a world-Jew and Gentile alike-who rejected Him when He walked here and in which now are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.</p> <p>There is also the mystery of the power of Christ as regards to both the dead and the living saints being changed and given glorified bodies at the rapture. 1 Cor. 15: 51.</p> <p>In opposition to God there is the 'mystery of iniquity,' that was secretly working in the Church in the apostles' days and continues. 2 Thess. 2: 7. Allied to this is papal Rome, whose name is really "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth." Rev. 17: 5, 7.</p> <p>The above scriptures show that though there are several things designated mysteries, yet God in His grace has made them known to His saints.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Adapted from the Concise Bible Dictionary</p>
2	The Faith	Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 1Tim. 3:9	
3	Godliness	And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. 1Tim. 3:16	
4	The One Body	How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery ; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) Eph 3:3, 4	
5	The Seven Stars & Churches	The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches. Rev 1:20	
6	The Bride	This is a great mystery : but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Eph 5:32	
		DISPENSATIONAL	
7	Israel's Blindness	For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery , lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. Rom 11:25	
8	Kingdom of Heaven	He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. Mat 13:11	
9	His Will	Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: Eph 1:9, 10	
10	The Rapture	Behold, I shew you a mystery ; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 1Cor. 15:51	
11	The Mystery of God	But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets. Rev 10:7	
		DEVOTIONAL	
12	The indwelling Christ	Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; even the mystery ; ... which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Col 1:25	
		DIABOLICAL	
13	Iniquity	For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. 2Thess. 2:7	
14	Babylon the Great	And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY , BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. Rev 17:5	