

The Mystery, A Definition

Commentary for July 1, 2021 — Your Destiny, My Destiny, Everyone's Destiny

This month's article is "The Meaning of Biblical Words." (Read first the "[July 2021 Newsletter](#).") Within this article mention is made of the Mystery of God first given to the apostle Paul and then other apostles. I have been challenged to give a brief statement or definition of "The Mystery." Here is my understanding:

"The Mystery" is God's teaching that every human being will have the same relationship to God as Christ has at present, or ever will have.

Paul says this teaching was God's intention and goal of God the Father when He created the Son of God (the Logos, the Christ) who was God's original and first creation (Colossians 1:15–17; Revelation 3:14). God and His Son planned the "**purpose of the eons**" (Ephesians 3:11; Hebrews 1:2) and the heavens and earth, were created "**through Christ**" (John 1:3; Colossians 1:15–20; Hebrews 1:10–12; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Ephesians 3:9).

That means that everything the Son did in the past for God His Father, everything He does now for His Father, everything He will do in the future for His Father to reconcile and gather all creation into the Kingdom of God to Himself, He then will give all power and all authority back to God His Father (1 Corinthians 15:22–28). Christ rules for a period of time ...

"For He must be reigning until He should be placing all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy is being abolished: death. For He subjects all under His feet.

Now whenever He may be saying that all is subject, it is evident that it is outside of Him [God the Father] Who subjects all to Him.

Now, whenever all may be subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also shall be subjected to Him [Our Father] Who subjects all to Him, that God may be All in all."

• **1 Corinthians 15:25–28** (Concordant Literal Translation)

Paul wrote First Corinthians before the Mystery was revealed to Paul, but it takes us to the time when the eons end and the plan of God and Christ ends. What will God do after He becomes "**all in all**"? We are not told. However, God created billions of human beings for a purpose. It likely will involve a new creation of some kind, something we cannot comprehend.

We are told by the revelation of the Mystery about **[1]** the relationship of every person to every other human being, **[2]** the relationship of every person to Christ, and **[3]** the relationship of every person to God our Father — will be amazing. **[4]** Your relationship with God will be like the relationship Christ has with God now and in the future. Each of us will connect to God our Father through His Holy Spirit. We are legally "**in Christ**" now, though few people realize the implications of that fact. We will have that same direct personal relationship to

God our Father that Christ has. Socially among human beings, there will be no distinction between or among us. There will be no status or social distinction between or among us and Christ, though He will be honored for His work. All will be equal. God alone will be supreme.

Once this teaching was given to Paul, was taught, understood, and the implications realized, **it was rejected** by most everyone, until God began to turn the hearts and minds of the apostles, disciples, and members of the body of Christ to receive its truth. (In fact, you might reject it at this moment, as you throw this Commentary to the floor.)

Paul taught daily for two years in Asia (a broad area in present-day Western Turkey) where God confirmed Paul's Gospel teaching through miracles (Acts 19:9–11). This area included the seven cities of Revelation chapters 2–3: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. Paul likely taught in all of them and raised *ekklesias* in several. In Paul's last letter in Scripture, perhaps the last of his life, he wrote to Timothy: **"This you know, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me"** (2 Timothy 1:15). This meant all the *ekklesias* initially rejected Paul and his teaching of the Mystery. The Mystery teaching is presented in Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, and is referred to in Romans chapter 16.¹

First Timothy, Second Timothy, and Titus were written after the Mystery was revealed. In my opinion Hebrews was the last of Paul's biblical writings before the Mystery, "setting the stage" for its disclosure. First Peter, Second Peter, and Jude were written after the revelation of the Mystery, but they do not deal with the Mystery. They involve the immediate danger the *ekklesias* and believers in Judea are in with the rising Jewish rebellion against Rome. Peter said Paul's epistles contain wisdom and he equates them with Scripture (2 Peter 3:15–17).

The Gospel of John was written after the apostle John accepted the Mystery, and so were the epistles of First, Second, and Third John. In fact, John gives us a remarkable glimpse of our inheritance. You and I will become the fully grown spiritual person God intended when He created us — mature children of the Living God, as Christ is at this moment.

"Perceive what manner of love the Father has given us, that we may be called children of God! And we are! Therefore the world does not know us, for it did not know Him. Beloved, now are we children of God, and it was not as yet manifested what we shall be. We are aware that, if He should be manifested,

[1] **we shall be like Him, for**

[2] **we shall see Him according as He is."**

• **1 John 3:1–2** (CLV)

In our glorified body we will see our brother Christ Jesus, we will also observe God our Father on His throne. When we are ready, we will speak to God face to face — not through prayers or even through the mediation of Christ Jesus. Learn from this month's article. For more information read Dr. Martin's 1992 article "[Salvation and the Biblical Doctrine of Deification.](#)"

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¹ The epistle of Romans ended originally at verse 15:33. Chapter 16 was added, probably by Paul, shortly before his death. Romans was then circulated to various *ekklesias*, and eventually all of them.