

New Testament Mysteries

"Things...kept secret from the foundation of the world" Ma 13:35
"In other ages was not made known unto the sons of men" Eph 3:5

PURPOSE of God

God's Will

(Eph 1:9)

The purpose of all the ages is that all things should be headed up in Christ in a Millennial kingdom

CULMINATION

POWER of God

Godliness

(1 Tim 3:16)

In the person of Christ, true Godliness was manifested in the flesh – a man lived on earth as God would have man to live

INCARNATION

PRODUCE of God

Christ and the Church

(Eph 3:3-4; 3:9; 5:32; Col 1:26-27; 2:2; 4:3)

The Church as Christ's body, bride and building, of which He is head, and in which Jew and Gentile are united

INCORPORATION

PATIENCE of God

Iniquity

(2 Th 2:7)

The full emblazoning of rebellion, seen in part currently, but fully revealed when the Holy Spirit is removed after the Rapture

PERVERSION

The Kingdom of God

(Ma 13:11; Mk 4:11; Lk 8:10)

The unveiling of the kingdom in Interim form due to Israel's rejection of Christ as King

TRANSITION

The Gospel or the Faith

(Rom 16:25; Eph 6:19; 1 Tim 3:9)

The interim kingdom offered by faith to the nations through the Gospel, the preaching of Jesus Christ

INVITATION

Christ and the churches

(Rev 1:20)

The local church requires no agency, hierarchy or intermediary - each is autonomous, governed only by Christ in the midst

CONGREGATION

Babylon

(Rev 17:5)

The identity of the false religious system and nature of the alliance between this system and Antichrist

IMITATION

Israel's blindness

(Ro 11:25)

The judicial blindness that has come upon Israel for the present time, due to her rejection of the King

REJECTION

The Rapture

(1 Co 15:51)

Not all believers will die, but will be changed – that which is corruptible will put on incorruption, that which is mortal will put on immortality

TRANSFORMATION

- A biblical mystery is not the same as a common mystery, i.e. something unknown, or impossible to know
- It is something that was previously held secret, but now is revealed to those who can apprehend it by faith through the work of the Holy Spirit
- A biblical mystery has an in-group and an out-group – faith is the determiner
- We are "stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man is found faithful" 1 Co 4:1-2