

Mysteries Of God Part III

Mystery # 7--God's Will

Eph 1:9 Having made known unto us **the mystery of his will**, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Eph 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him:

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

Eph 1:12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

It is God's will that every Christian be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

****TAKE NOTE THAT THE SUBJECT OF PREDESTINATION IS FOUND ONLY IN ROMANS 8 & EPHESIANS 1, WHERE IT IS APPLIED TO THE SAINTS. The Bible NEVER refers to the lost as being predestinated to anything.**

****GOD OFFERS SALVATION TO EVERY MAN, WOMAN, BOY AND GIRL.....**

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but **that all should come to repentance.**

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation **hath appeared to all men,**

1Ti 4:10 For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the **Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe.**

1Ti 2:4 **Who will have all men to be saved,** and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

1Co 9:22 To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all **things to all men, that I might by all means save some.**

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of **one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.**

But men still have the choice to either accept or reject His free gift....

Joh 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Joh 3:19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and **men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.**

Jos 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **choose you this day whom ye will serve;** whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

We should preach the Gospel to every creature because everyone has the same chance to be born again...

Rom 10:13 **For whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Rom 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Rom 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Paul states in 2 Cor. 5:16 that not only are we not like Christ now, but we really do not even know Him as He is. That is why Paul states in Phil. 3:10 "That I may know him."

One day the will of God will be accomplished and we will know.

1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear **what we shall be:** but we know that, **when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**

1Jo 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

For all who are born again, God will soon accomplish the verse below:

Phi 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, **according to the working** whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

The "working" is the predestination of the saints to be conformed to the "glorious" image of Christ.

Mystery # 8---The Indwelling Christ

Col 1:25 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;

Col 1:26 *Even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this **mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:**

Now here is the mystery...Christ is currently seated at the right hand of the Father (Heb. 1:3; Heb. 10:12) He is to sit there "till his enemies become his footstool" (Heb. 10:13). This has not happened yet so He is still seated in heaven at the Father's right hand. But the text says that he currently indwells believers here on this earth.

Because Jesus is God, He has all of the attributes of God. One of those attributes is omnipresence. That means God is in all places at all times. That is why Jesus could look Nicodemus in the eye and tell him He was in heaven while He was sitting there talking to him (John 3:13).

This mystery becomes more clear when one realizes that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ (2 Cor. 3:17). Jesus indwells the Christian in the person of His Spirit (2 Tim. 1:14).

The Lord Jesus Christ literally indwells believers. So Paul is right when he states that "Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20)

The mystery becomes even deeper when one realizes that "in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him..." (Col. 2:9-10)

That means that the fulness of God is in Jesus and He in turn indwells us. Then God is in us in His fulness...We are His temple (1 Cor. 3:16).

Joh 17:22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
Joh 17:23 I in them (Col. 1:17), and thou in me (Col. 2:9), that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.