

## The Mysteries of God Part II

### Mystery # 4---Redemption's Plan

**1Co 2:5** That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

**1Co 2:6** Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

**1Co 2:7** **But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery**, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

**1Co 2:8** Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

God worked out redemption's plan before He created anything (Rev. 13:8, Acts 2:23) He fully counted the cost before He built the tower. (Luke 14:28)

The mystery is how one could put his own son to death for another, especially if that other is inherently worthless.

**Rom 5:7** For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

**Rom 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

When someone receives Christ as Saviour, that person is put on the cross with the Lord (Gal. 2:20; Gal. 6:14) When one is save, he dies with Jesus Christ, He is buried with Christ, and resurrected in Christ (Rom. 6:3-6) God has already raised us up to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:6)

God's plan for our salvation is truly a mystery.

### Mystery # 5---The Gospel

**Eph 6:19** And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, **to make known the mystery of the gospel**,

**Eph 6:20** For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

This is different from mystery # 4 in that mystery # 4 was the plan itself. This is the mystery that the plan actually works, that it is indeed "the power of God unto salvation." (Rom 1:16)

It is a mystery that nothing else is required for salvation. (Rom 10:13) Many just can't believe that salvation is that simple and must attempt to add something to it.

How can God take a depraved, ungodly, unholy, wicked, vile sinner and perform the actions mentioned in Psm. 40:2?

How can God, who is "of purer eyes than to behold evil" (Hab 1:13), look on us who are so full of sin and wickedness, and then declare us to be "as white as snow"? (Isa. 1:18).

How can God love those who hate Him (James 4:4; 1 John 2:15) with the same love He has for His only begotten Son (John 17:23)?

**1Co 6:11** And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

We can't explain why or how but we are just eternally grateful that He has.

Mystery # 6---Grace

**1Ti 3:9** Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

We are saved by grace thru faith without any works on our part. (Eph. 2:8-9)

Not only are we saved by grace thru faith but we are also kept (1 Pet. 1:5) saved by grace and not by works (Gal 3:3; Phil 1:6; 2 Tim. 1:12)

The mystery is, that if one works, God will not save him, and if he does not work, God will save him. In fact, anyone who tries to pay for it cannot have it. (Rom 3:28) The best we have to offer still falls short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23).

Romans 4:2 tells us that if we could be justified by works, we could brag about it, but not before God. Why not? Because if we could get to heaven by our own good works, we would not need God, and we would brag about our accomplishment for all eternity. (Rom 4:4)

If we could be saved by works then God would owe us salvation. But God owes nothing to any man. (Rom. 11:5-6) How was Abraham saved? See Rom 4:3. By grace thru faith.

When we are saved, God's righteousness is imputed to us (2 Cor. 5:21, Rom. 4:8).

What a mystery! This wonderful grace of imputed righteousness.....

One of the best examples of imputation is found in Scripture below:

**Zec 3:1** And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

**Zec 3:2** And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: *is* not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

**Zec 3:3** Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.

**Zec 3:4** And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.

**Zec 3:5** And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the LORD stood by.