Shalom, beloved of God.
Today, by the grace of the Lord, we embark on a vital journey into one of the deepest truths in all of Scripture: the Mystery of God—a truth hidden for ages but now revealed to the saints.

1. Understanding the Word “Mystery” in Scripture

The term “mystery” in the Bible (Greek: *mystērion*) does not refer to something mystical or incomprehensible forever. Rather, it means a truth that was previously hidden but has now been revealed by divine revelation.

> “...according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed...”
> — *Romans 16:25–26* (ESV)

In English and biblical Greek, there is a distinction between:

- Secret (*cryptos*) – something concealed intentionally by a person or group

- Mystery (*mystērion*) – something hidden in God’s eternal plan and only knowable through revelation

This is crucial: the “mystery of God” is not merely a secret, but a divine revelation previously unknown to humans and angels alike, now revealed in Christ.

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2. Biblical Examples of Divine Mysteries

Mysteries in the Bible are truths beyond natural comprehension—not discoverable by intellect or science.

A. The Nature of Light and Darkness

> “Where is the way to the dwelling of light, and where is the place of darkness?”
> — *Job 38:19* (ESV)

Even today, with all our scientific advances, we still cannot fully explain the origin of light or the departure of darkness. These are divine mysteries—known only to God.

B. Human Conception and Formation

> “You knitted me together in my mother’s womb.”
> — *Psalm 139:13* (ESV)

The formation of life in the womb, down to bones and hair, remains a mystery beyond full comprehension. It reflects the invisible hand of God in creation.

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3. The Core Mystery: Christ in Us, the Hope of Glory

The primary mystery revealed in the New Testament is not just about Christ dying for sin, but something far greater:

> “...the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known...the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”
> — *Colossians 1:26–27* (ESV)

This was unthinkable in the Old Testament. God’s covenant was with Israel, His chosen people. The Gentiles (non-Jews) were considered *unclean, alienated*, and without hope (Ephesians 2:11–12). But in Christ, this wall of separation was destroyed.

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4. The Mystery in the Apostle Paul’s Revelation

Paul, by the Holy Spirit, was uniquely entrusted with the administration (stewardship) of this mystery:

> “When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations…”
> — *Ephesians 3:4–5* (ESV)

> *“*This mystery is that the* *Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”
> — *Ephesians 3:6* (ESV)

This truth—that Gentiles (non-Jews) are co-heirs with Israel—was hidden from previous generations. Even prophets like Moses, Elijah, and David never saw its full scope.

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5. Theological Significance of the Mystery

A. Inclusion of the Gentiles

This was not simply God *allowing* Gentiles into His family—it was the very center of His redemptive plan from eternity. The Jewish Messiah would die not just for Israel, but for the world (John 3:16).

> “...I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also...”
> — *John 10:16* (ESV)

B. Indwelling of Christ by the Spirit

This is not just forgiveness—it is transformation. Through faith, Christ dwells in our hearts (Ephesians 3:17). The Holy Spirit regenerates, empowers, and sanctifies us. This was unknown to the Old Covenant saints.

> “Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?”
> — *1 Corinthians 3:16* (ESV)

C. The Church as the Revelation Platform

God’s intent is that this mystery be made known to spiritual powers, not just people:

> “...so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.”
> — *Ephesians 3:10* (ESV)

Even angels didn’t fully understand this mystery until it unfolded.

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6. The Urgency of Responding to the Mystery

This mystery has been revealed not for speculation, but for

transformation.

You now know what prophets longed to understand:

> “...things into which angels long to look.”
> — *1 Peter 1:12* (ESV)

So how should we respond?

> “How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?”
> — *Hebrews 2:3* (ESV)

Salvation is not just an offer—it’s a heavenly summons.

Every day you live is a page written in the book of your life:

> “And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.”
> — *Revelation 20:12* (ESV)

If your name is not found in the Book of Life, your destiny is eternal separation:

> “If anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”
> — *Revelation 20:15* (ESV)

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7. The Call to Salvation

If you’ve never surrendered your life to Jesus Christ—today is the day.

> “Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”
> — *2 Corinthians 6:2* (ESV)

You may be Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, or from any background—the gospel is for you. The mystery has now been made known to you.

8. How to Respond to the Gospel

A. Repent

Turn from all sin—sexual immorality, drunkenness, hate, pride, gossip, pornography, etc.

> “Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out.”
> — *Acts 3:19* (ESV)

B. Believe

Place your full trust in Jesus Christ—the Son of God who died and rose again.

> “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”
> — *Acts 16:31* (ESV)

C. Be Baptized

As the early church practiced, be baptized by full immersion in water in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

> “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins…”
> — *Acts 2:38* (ESV)

D. Receive the Holy Spirit

You will receive power to live a holy life. This is not behavior modification—it’s heart transformation.

> “…you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
> — *Acts 2:38* (ESV)

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9. For Backsliders: Return Today

If you’ve walked away, know that Satan desires to see you perish.

Don’t let his plan succeed. The lake of fire was prepared for him—not you.

Resist him. Return to your Father. There is grace waiting for you.

Final Words

This is the mystery of God:

> That through the cross, Christ would make both Jew and Gentile one, bringing us near by His blood and dwelling within us by His Spirit.
> *(Ephesians 2:11–22)*

Do not delay. Eternity is closer than we think.

Grace and peace to you.
May the Lord bless you and give you strength to respond to His voice today.

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