

Seven Mysteries

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Text: 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

“Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. [2] Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”

1. A “steward” is someone that is in care of something valuable, for his master. (Gen.15:2)

Eliezer was Abraham’s servant and in charge of all in his house. He was a faithful man taking care of all the things in his masters house, things that were not his, but responsible for it like it was his.

And so it is with the “stewards of God” we are given responsibility to teach and handle the things of God, “mysteries”. Every preacher, deacon, teacher, evangelist, and missionary is responsible for knowing these mysteries and teaching them in the church and in their lives.

Notice; this has not been the case in most every church in America.

There are a number of mysteries found in the word of God. And it would be good to understand and know all the mysteries in the word of God, but the mysteries that we should concern ourselves with are the “Mysteries for the Church”. Mysteries that apply to the body of Christ. Found in the “Pauline Epistles”.

2. How could a man be faithful in keeping them if he does not know them?—Matthew 5:6—
[6] Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
3. Not many today seeking after “Righteousness”.

I. The mystery of God manifest in the flesh.

1 Timothy 3:16— And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

Note: Just about every other translation changes this verse in some way. You may find that strange, but religion, education, denominations, and all liners don’t want you to know about this mystery! They all take a swipe at the “Deity” of Christ.

1. The verse says, “God was manifest in the flesh”.
 - a. That means God showed up as a baby!—like any other baby!—He “increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52)
 - b. You can’t understand that but “God was a baby” like you and I were babies once!
 - c. This will mess with the understanding of men—they can’t understand it? —and they wont believe it? (1Corinthians 1:25) Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
 - d. And it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe (1 Cor. 1:21)—Paul said, “We are fools for Christ’s sake” (1 Cor. 4:10). And also; (1Cor3:18)— “if any man among you seemed to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.”

2. Man don't believe it, it's a mystery to them, so they keep trying to "make a man". Test tube babies, cloning, artificial insemination, DNA transplanting;

3. Note; God can make man 4 ways!

1. He made man out of just ("Clay").
2. He may woman out of man without a woman! (Rib).
3. He can make man out of a man and a woman together! (natural birth).
4. He can make a man out of a woman without a man, ("the virgin birth").

4. So if man ever makes a man— he's still got 3 to go. It's hard to catch up with this bible!

Bible says,

"Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" (1 Cor. 1: 20–21).

You know what men did to get around God?

They used wisdom. —For the world by wisdom—did you get that? "By wisdom knew not God."

You know how men get around knowing God?— Their education. "By wisdom knew not God."

You take when little Jesus Christ was born. In Greece there were a bunch of philosophers, and they were called "lovers of wisdom"—that's what "philosophy" means. You know what they did? They used wisdom to get away from God. And the Lord looked down there, and He said, "I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll confound your wisdom. I'll bring it to nothing." And they said, "How are you going to do that?" He said, "I'm going to let a woman have a baby without a man being involved, and that baby is going to be the One that made the universe." Now, explain it to me. You couldn't explain it if you stayed up all night.

Now, a mystery is something that's so whether you explain it or not. And a mystery is something you're supposed to believe. That's the first mystery.

Do you realize that if every preacher in America had been faithful in keeping that mystery and preserving that mystery, you wouldn't have one Liberal in one pulpit in the United States?

What happened? Somebody was unfaithful. Somebody was entrusted with something and didn't keep it.

And Paul said, "**And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also**" (2 Tim. 2: 2).

There wouldn't be one Liberal alive in the United States if every preacher had been faithful in the trust of the first mystery: **the Virgin Birth—“ God... manifest in the flesh.”**

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