

## Behold, I Show You a Mystery

Take heed, dear reader, “Though I understand all mysteries and have not charity, I am nothing.” (1 Corinthians 13) Wow — do you mean to tell me you can know all mysteries by revelation and not actually experiencing the cross, which is the only means of really understanding the mysteries??? If we do not have charity, we really do not know the mysteries as we ought to know.

What is this charity that testifies to our experiencing the mysteries rather than getting them by revelation? Remember, Paul had revelation about the resurrection to the degree that he needed a thorn in his flesh to subdue his pride. However, he never came into the resurrection while he lived. Moses had revelation on the promised land and never entered in. Thus it behooves us to seek first the Kingdom of God lest we ourselves have all the revelation and still fall short of the glory of God. What I am saying is this — the true unveiling of the mysteries can only become really known by experiencing and not by revelation. And that experiencing is a dying out to all self and being born anew.

Now, let us find out what this charity is that testifies that we know the mysteries by experience.

Colossians 3:14 says this, “And above all these things, put on charity which is the bond of perfection.” Charity is not a characteristic of the human race as we know it. Actually it is rejected until we fulfill all the law and we are sealed as “finished” (a new creation without sin). So you see, all the so called charitable works we do are not the same as the word “charity” of the Bible.

1 Corinthians 13 — “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.” So, the baptism in the Holy Spirit is nothing if one does not journey on to get charity, the capstone of our profession.

“Though I have all faith so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.” Did you know the soul has the power to perform miracles?? Only the cross takes away that kind of faith. Jesus did no healing in the resurrection. In the resurrection we live by the faith of the Son of God.

“Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.” Actually, feeding the poor makes us feel good. Jesus said, “The poor will be with us always” — follow Me. It is more beneficial to the human race if we die that others might live than to do all the wonderful deeds... wonderful in our own eyes, that is. Giving to the poor and starting all charitable institutions is not the charity of the Bible.

“Charity suffereth long, and is kind; Charity envieth not; Charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up; Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil...” Do you still envy? Have you suffered long because of Christ being formed in you? Do you like to be noticed and feel hurt if rejected or left out?? Are you easily provoked because people do not live up to the script you have written? Do you think evil of your brothers?? Remember, thinking evil is not the same as discerning the powers that are prison walls for our brothers and sisters. Only a new creation can fulfill these “does nots” for it is natural to have a short wick, to be unkind, envy, etc.

“Charity rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth. Charity beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.” Do you rejoice in the truth or do you side with iniquity because standing with the truth convicts a sick world of its sickness? Innocence believes all things, hopeth all things and endures all abuse with kindness and patience.

“Charity never fails.”

My dear sojourner, prophecies come from our own soul, tongues come from our fallen soul, and knowledge is from the cursed tree of knowledge and not from the

tree of life. They are all childish things that are done away with as we come into maturity, which is Christ.

Now to proceed with the lesson.

When the disciples came to Jesus and proclaimed all the wonderful works done by them, He uttered, "Get ye hence, I never knew you." Quite a slap in the face considering that Jesus walked with them for years. What He was really saying was, I am not interested in what you are doing or what you have done but who you are. The change in you will affect what you do, for I want you to walk in My works and not in your own works.

Our focus should not be on understanding all mysteries but that Christ should be formed in us. Paul travailed and groaned over "that Christ may be formed in us." Now, if we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness not only will Christ be formed in us, but we will understand all mysteries. Any understanding of the mysteries without the cross unveiling them as we die out to our old nature (which cannot understand the things of God), is counted as dung as it is head knowledge and not life.

There are two scriptures I would like you to hear so as to open the mysteries set before us that will unfold as the resurrection becomes a reality. In John 2:21, when the Jews referred to the building taking forty years to build and how could Jesus raise it up in three days, we read a mind bending sentence: "But thus He spake of His body." We see a change from a building to the hidden man of the heart within you and me. Also, 2 Corinthians 6:16 — "Ye are the body of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them and I will be their God and they shall be my people." Just as the building was the temple but changed into the body, so the nation Israel becomes an inward happening. We see in Genesis a more accurate picture of the resurrection where Jacob wrestles with God until his change from Jacob to Israel happens. Let me elaborate a little on the name change.

We as Christians do not need to change our names. We need to change our very being, our elements, our substance. And then our name will hold a different meaning. God's glory is Israel and it is an inside happening. Job groaning, "Yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another." Job had a vision of our flesh becoming the word of God, Himself, dwelling in us.

In the resurrection there is no Jew or Gentile, only those who have allowed God to dwell in them. Also, Jesus Himself said, "The kingdom of God is within you." Making Israel (the country) anything but a plot of ground overrun by arrogant Jews is blaspheming the Holy Spirit who is busily at work in those who will yield themselves to God bringing forth the purposes of God in the human race. So now let us proceed with the unfolding of the mystery of Israel and the church. Any outer revelation is not a mystery but just another doctrine of men.

Let me repeat:

There are many mysteries mentioned in the epistles. Always remember, the Kingdom of God is within each of us waiting to be unfolded. Any outward happening alone will not form Christ within you. Therefore, all mysteries lie within us to be unfolded and as they unfold, as Christ is formed in us, they are no longer a mystery.

The scriptures make it very clear that God is not a respecter of persons. Romans 10:12 says, "There is no difference between a Jew and a Greek (Gentile) for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him." Also, "A true Jew is one who is circumcised in heart." So when He comes first to the Jew, it is first to the heart and then to the mind (Gentile). Wow, does that put your money where your mouth is, so to speak. Genesis 17:13 — "My covenant shall be in your flesh." Also, "I will write My laws upon your heart" — Hebrews 8:10 and Jeremiah 31:33; so you see, when the Word says the laws will come out of Zion, it is out of the heart.

In Galatians 4 Paul tells us that the Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all who have been set free as we endure until the change in us is complete. So you see Jerusalem is not a place in the east, but a place in our hearts, in our inner man. Now get this. The mother of us all who are born on earth is the whore of Revelation 16 — the mother of harlots. These mothers are not a respecter of persons. They are the same for the Jew and the Gentile. As we make our way back to God we each will have our personal time of "Jacob's trouble" — our wrestle with God — our metamorphosis, as our natural man, Jacob, becomes Israel, the son of God — God dwelling in us so we become His people. Our natural mother who is a whore will change as we have a mother from above; free from the snares of our beginnings.

Let us examine the scriptures to see what is still dead in us even though we have met Christ and walk as a Gentile. For He says He will come again to quicken the living and the dead. Romans 8:10 says that even though our spirit is alive, our body is still dead. That body talked about is not our physical body; it is the body of our inner man.

We enter into God's presence by the blood of Christ. Then our conscience is purged from dead works. Our works (our apparatus of thinking and speaking and understanding) are dead for we see in part, we prophesy in part, and we speak and understand in part. 1 Corinthians 13, now let me paraphrase: but when that which is perfect, our Israel, has come we will see completely. Another way of saying it is, "Christ is glorified in us." Israel is God's glory. This is indeed a mystery and can be only understood as you come into the resurrection. Our inner body is dead until the resurrection. We may have the spirit of Christ and walk as a Gentile but in the resurrection, the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead will dwell in us, the Christ in us will become glorified and we will become the "Israel of God". "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." So you see until the Christ in us is glorified we are considered sinners. When Jesus was about to have the Christ in Him glorified He said a mighty interesting thing. "Lest a seed fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone." So my dear friends, as He went, so must we go. We must die with Him to be glorified with Him.

We as Gentiles have a dead conscience. When that which is perfect has come, He will sprinkle our conscience from dead works. Now I will say something that will perhaps offend you. All ministries of the Charismatic move were and are dead works for they come from dead people.

Always remember the scripture, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. I am a God of the living and not of the dead." What an odd thing to say about someone who is physically dead.

All countries will be judged according to their willingness to repent. Israel is no different than America or Iraq. I have a feeling in my bones that Israel will be destroyed with an atom bomb and with that happening will be the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth. Once again an outward happening to an inward experience.

In the book of Romans we read about the natural branch being cut off. Do you realize that the little man inside of you is considered a natural man or branch which is sown in corruption and will never make it into the Kingdom? When I met Christ in 1967 my conversion was profound, my eyes wide open. I loved my Jesus and followed Him, leaning on His breast and obeying His every beck and call. There came a day when my Gentile age was fulfilled and it was expedient for me that Jesus had to leave, and it was then that I realized that the Israel part of my inner man was blinded, or dead, and I began to part with my "in part" experience and through much suffering and the consuming fire of God I became the burning bush, the Israel of God. It was then that I realized that until the Gentile age is fulfilled we have the Spirit of Jesus but not the Spirit of God (Romans 8), which is the body. And the spirit is dead without the body (James 4). This, my dear friends is the resurrection. We must see the Gentile age come to a close and the Jesus we know we will know no more until we sup with Him in the Kingdom where there is no Jew or Gentile, all united in Christ. Is this a mystery?? You bet your sweet life it is a mystery. But my whole walk with Him has been a mystery unveiling as I go from glory to glory.

In this year of 2003 Christ is saying the same thing to the Christians He said to the Jews 2000 years ago. Anyone who thinks a country is something special in God's eyes is deceived as God's judgments are righteous and they are personal. Each person must stand before the judgment seat of Christ and be changed or cast off as a bad seed.

God is forming His church where each member is a living stone, alive with the glory of God, representing Him on earth, whether he be Jew or Gentile. Anyone who repents and allows the Holy Spirit to transform him into the image of His Son, who is the church, who is His body, will be "Israel, my Son".

Romans 9:4 — "Who then are Israelites — (what then belongs to the glorified ones — the Israel of God?) to whom pertaineth the adoption (of sons), the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law (where Zion is within — laws written on the heart), the services of God, and the promises." All is unveiled in the resurrection, when that which is perfect has come and we see Him face to face. Or Jacob becomes Israel when we become His people and He dwells in us in His fullness. Please take

note in Galatians 3:29 — “If ye be Christ’s then are you Abraham’s seed.” Not, if I am Abraham’s seed then I am Christ’s.

Now let me mention some mysteries that are not a mystery to those of us who are the real, living church.

Behold, I show you a mystery — we shall not all sleep, but we will all be changed. Wow. That is not a mystery to me any longer as some time ago this awful mystery was solved in my inner man. The more I awakened, the more I had to change. He increased, I decreased, as I took up residence in the Kingdom of God and my citizenship was changed from America to the Kingdom of God. I decreased until He became my all in all. My very elements had to change. Death, or the Gentile age, was pleasant compared to meeting God face to face and having to change into His image. The pain and suffering seemed relentless as our faithful God fulfilled His purposes for my life. I could write a book on this one mystery alone but let me show you another mystery.

In Ephesians 5:32 Paul is describing the mystery of Christ and the church. He says the marriage of man and wife is a shadow of the marriage of Christ and the church. The marriage of man and woman is a marriage of the flesh and the marriage of Christ and the church is

a marriage of the Spirit. To become “the real, vibrating church” one must be crucified in the flesh thus putting to death the old marriage. In all three gospels it is written that “in the resurrection there are no marriages”. Also, if you marry you are part of the world which Paul considers evil. Christ came to save us from the evil world, from the snares of marriage. Do you not find it odd that we cling to that which is bondage and not real??

There are many more mysteries mentioned in the Bible that are not a mystery any longer as we become that new creation in the Kingdom of God. However, I have a few mysteries of my own that are not to be understood — sweet miracles of life. How about the mystery of our warm bodies being a constant temperature of 98 degrees or thereabouts? How about the mystery of always enough air to breath? And the gentle snow with flakes as large as a quarter and light as a feather or the growth of the child inside the mother’s womb? The two part harmony of the red-winged blackbird. The mystery of the bird migration. I could go on and on but the greatest of the mysteries is that God so chose this vessel and all who will follow Christ to be His vessel filled with His glory. Praise be to God who we must see face to face yet not see at all. Another mystery for you to discover as you surrender your all to Him.



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