

The Mystery of Christ

Colossians 1:24-2:7

What is this mystery of Christ? (vv. 26-27, 2:2)

Mystery - the Greek word *mysterion* refers to a divine truth that was once hidden but has now been revealed. In the New Testament, "secret" in this context does not mean a hidden puzzle or a private secret for a select few, but rather a God-given revelation that was concealed in earlier history and is now openly disclosed to all believers. (Heb. 1:1-2, 1 Cor. 2:6-12)

What does this mysterious life with Christ mean for us?

- Our lives will still experience trials and tribulations. (v. 24)
- It requires that we serve His church by proclaiming His message. (vv. 25, 28-29)
- It requires that we love one another. (vv. 1-2a, John 13:35, 1 John. 2:9, 4:20)
- It requires that we do His will in our lives. (vv. 2b-7) **How?**
 - Become a follower of Jesus Christ.
 - Spend time studying the Word of God.
 - Don't fall for worldly substitutes for Jesus.
 - Become grounded in the Lord.

Results:

- Your faith will grow strong.
- Your thankfulness will increase.

Points to Ponder:

- Please remember, though you may still suffer as a follower of Jesus, you have a hope in Him the world does not have!
- Please remember, though the preacher is the messenger in the church, you're the messenger when you leave!
- Please remember, though liking one another is not always easy, loving one another is always mandatory!
- Please remember, there are two paths you can follow in life, make sure you are following the right one!