

THE “MYSTERY” (Found 22 times in the NT only)

Mystērion: A matter of knowledge of which initiation is necessary, a secret which would remain such but for revelation, a concealed power or principle, a HIDDEN meaning of a symbol.

God’s wisdom is often HIDDEN. God wants spiritual understanding to be by revelation and a childlike faith. Paul took the concept of a mystery from the mystery religions of his day. He transferred the concept of a mystery to the Christian faith and explained it. Now it has a new meaning.

Below are some important verses about God’s mysteries:

1 Corinthians 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:

Revelation 2:17

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the HIDDEN manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knows saving he that receives it.

Mark 4:11

And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the MYSTERY of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

Romans 16:25

Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the MYSTERY, which was kept secret since the world began,

1 Corinthians 2:7

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Ephesians 1:9

Having made known unto us the MYSTERY of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Ephesians 3:3

How that by revelation he made known unto me the MYSTERY; (as I wrote afore in few words,

Ephesians 3:4

Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the MYSTERY of Christ)

Ephesians 3:9

And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the MYSTERY, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

Ephesians 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,

Colossians 1:26

Even the MYSTERY which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

Colossians 1:27

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this MYSTERY among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Colossians 2:2

That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the MYSTERY of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

Colossians 4:3

Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the MYSTERY of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

1 Timothy 3:9

Holding the MYSTERY of the faith in a pure conscience.

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.