James #82

The mystery of the Body preparing for the wedding.

You folks can open in Ephesians chapter five today; we will get there eventually.

I first want to begin a recap on many mystery principles that we have covered so far.

When we look deeper into Mystery Doctrine, as we have been, we can always note a shadow or typology of the rapture of the Church which was seen in the OT.

Yet it did not reveal what would happen at the end of CA, because our dispensation was hidden until the arrival of the humanity of Christ on earth – the first advent.

/The carrying away (Ark) from the wrath of the flood on earth was a type of rapture for Noah’s family (Gen 7:7-13)

Just as the taking out of Lot, from Sodom and Gomorrah by two angels, before the wrath of fire and brimstone struck was a type of rapture event as well. (Gen 19:14-22)\

Remember in our series on Thessalonians, we covered the principle of the Day of The Lord, which those Christians at Thessalonica were confused about. They believed - like some uniformed people today believe, that the Tribulation was upon them.

*The day of the Lord*, is often referenced as the TRIBULATION period leading into the 2nd Advent.

/1Thes 1:10 and to **wait for His Son from heaven**, whom He raised from the dead, *that is,* **Jesus who rescues us from the wrath to come**.

1Thes 5:9 For **God has not destined us for wrath**, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,\

God has a history of saving HIS chosen people at the last second - of the last hour, before HIS wrath engulfs them.

Even the Exodus generation, barely made it to the other side of the Red Sea before it violently, collapsed back down upon Pharaoh’s army.

As we noted recently the Apostle Paul taught in great depth about Mystery Doctrine.

/The Apostle Paul explained the word mystery in scriptures like, [Ephesians 3:1-9](https://biblehub.com/context/ephesians/3-1.htm); he often spoke of the mystery of the gospel, of the mystery of the cross of Christ, of the mystery of Christ which was unknown to former ages, of the mystery of the incarnation (Hypostatic Union), the resurrection, indwelling, etc.\

The Apostle Paul was also the apostle for the Gentiles and that is a portion of mystery doctrine.

Anything that was not fully taught in great detail to OT saints is now made clear in Christ and the completed canon of scripture.

/Col 1:26 *that is,* **the mystery which had been hidden from the *past* ages and generations,** but now has been revealed to His saints, 27 to whom **God willed to make known** what the wealth of the glory of **this mystery among the Gentiles** is, *the mystery* that is **Christ in you,** the hope of glory.\

The indwelling of the Trinity is very unique to our age and certainly the filling power of God the HS was not given to every OT saint.

/Rom 16:25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, **according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past**, 26 but now **has been disclosed, and through the Scriptures of the prophets**, in accordance with the commandment of the eternal God, **has been made known to all the nations**, *leading* to obedience of faith;\

The full plan of God and mystery doctrine is a part of that, it is now on display for any and all people to come to understand.

It is revealed to those filled by the HS who seek deeper studies into the word.

/1Tim 3:16 Beyond question, **great is the mystery of godliness:** He who was **revealed in the flesh**, Was vindicated in **the Spirit**, Seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, **Taken up in glory**.

The Doctrine of the Hypostatic Union reveals that fallen man can walk a similar path, right now in time, as did the perfect and Chosen One Jesus Christ.\

Christ was ascended up into the clouds of the air into glory – the CA Bels will also be raptured in similar fashion.

Jesus was always filled and guided by the HS, HE came forth in a virgin birth and suffered and died to resolve the sins of the whole world.

HE completed the mission as HE sat down at the right hand of throne resolving the angelic rebellion – all creation witnessed this. Even the those held captive under the earth were privy to a victory march by our LORD during those 3 days in the tomb.

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Not all of this was transparent for OT saints to decipher.

Our LORD and Savior told His apostles, that they were blessed with true happiness, because God has revealed to them *"the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven*," (Mat 11:25);

[/Mat 16:17](https://biblehub.com/matthew/16-17.htm) And Jesus said to him, “**Blessed are you**, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but **My Father who is in heaven**.

Within the parables and stories Jesus had begun the process of opening mystery doctrine to HIS future leaders.\

All the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven which means the plan of God the Father are finally revealed in HIM.

In Ephesians chapter four the Apostle Paul is reminding the congregations to treat the RF with the honor code of love and respect.

Then into chapter 5 - He is calling them into a super-grace lifestyle, which requires a depth of wisdom and a serious walk with GOD, using a reliance upon the two power options.

The Apostle Paul addresses living in the OSN and how it drags us backward into a life of slavery.

Eph 5:15 So then, be careful how you walk, not as unwise people but as wise,

/[Eph 5:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/16/s_1102016) **making the most of your time**, because **the days are evil**.

We live in the age (dispensation) of intensified, invisible warfare, building into a beast system of Babylonian proportions.\

This does not fit the happy go-lucky, warm messages most pulpits teach, the prosperity and equality gospel that is so prevalent in our time.

If you do not fully understand the time you live in and why you were created you will be a lost Christian not a spiritual warrior.

 REPEAT

There is a difference between playing chess and checkers…you are not called into a game of checkers RF.

/Eph 5:16 – *making the most of your time (exagorazō),*

To have an honest zeal for taking hold of your time, to pay a ransom and receive something of great value back. To be redeemed as Christ did for us. Present tense – keep redeeming the time!\

EX-AG-AROD-ZO, to redeem, to buy back something to take control of something.

The immature or foolish Christian never grows up to recognize the Angelic Conflict they are in!

They also never grasp the concept of time, talent and treasure as grace gifts given by GOD to use after salvation.

Today was a gift from GOD – even more precious than gold coins slipping out of your pocket.

[Eph 5:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/17/s_1102017) Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord *is.*

God’s personal desires and HIS plans for mankind.

The design for God’s plan is found in the mind of Christ which also means you need to be operating in the right nature.

The Apostle Paul is teaching upon the two power options.

/[Eph 5:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/18/s_1102018) And **do not get drunk** with wine, in which there is debauchery, but **be filled with the Spirit**,

Just as alcohol can inhibit the mind and body in a negative fashion – the Bel can operate from the filling power of the SPIRIT opening the new nature which is for the positive.\

It is a great analogy of what happens when we give ourselves over to the power of GOD the HS.

TO BE FILLED means you have been thoroughly washed of any sins and now you allowed the NEW Nature to take control.

You are filling up a deficit which means you allow spiritual power and spiritual guidance in that void. The same way you allow alcohol to drive your thoughts, to fill you and change you after a certain amount of drinking it.

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[Eph 5:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/19/s_1102019) speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your hearts to the Lord;

SPEAKING TO ONE ANOTHER means accurate BD, not emotional songs and melodies.

This points us to fellowship and a calm assurance, a relaxed mental attitude. Reading and studying all aspects of psalms, scriptures and this leads us into real joyful expressions.

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Once in the new nature handling the word accurately - you have a fellowship experience available to you.

This is not pointing us into an emotional music ministry for fellowship.

[Eph 5:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/20/s_1102020) always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to *our* God and Father;

[Eph 5:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/21/s_1102021) and subject yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ.

Now comes a portion of the mystery seen in marriage like we see in Christ and the Church.

/[Eph 5:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/22/s_1102022) Wives, *subject yourselves* to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

The Apostle Paul is pointing out a Divine Chain of Command. Established in the garden.\

Divine Institution number two.

The doctrine of authority points us to the highest level of respect, which should be for TLJC.

Everything else will fall into place.

Christ is always the authority in all relationships.

/[Eph 5:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/23/s_1102023) For **the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church,** He Himself being the Savior of **the body**.

The body of Christ was established at the Church Age (Cross of Christ). The Body and Bride concept are unique for this dispensation. At salvation you enter the body in union with Christ.\

Your walk after salvation points to your preparation as a future bride of Christ.

There is a deeper intimacy or closeness of union in marriage.

Your relationship with Christ can be interrupted as far as growth.

/Rev 3:10 ‘Behold, **I stand at the door and knock**; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, **I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.**

Your intimacy with Christ has to be developed or nurtured (increasing). When we are walking in apostasy (OSN) we lose momentum.\

WE do not lose our salvation.

Just as in a marriage we can damage the intimacy, or bring division in the area of good communication.

OT saints are considered children of God and members of the family of God, a chosen race of people – not a BODY in union with Christ or a bride.

The Church is now called a ROYAL FAMILY of God which again points to something new.

 REPEAT

/The Lord Jesus Christ has a growing experience inside of you (soul). God the HS is fully indwelt (sealed) into your body and soul. We become more Christ-like as we grow. The HS introduces us into royalty (title) we learn to become true Royality as Christ increases in our life. Therefore, the concept of winner or loser is in relation to our intimacy with Christ. The body is seen on earth right now; the BRIDE is fully revealed in heaven.\

Certain aspects of covenant theology push that the current body of the church, began with Abraham and Sarah and that is false.

You have to understand the age that you live in, we do not conflate the Church age with the nation of Israel.

 REPEAT

We understand the roles within the family of God. We are graphed into this family in a very unique way.

There are different promises and different blessings.

[Eph 5:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/24/s_1102024) But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

Rebellion is seen in the CA Bels life when they refuse to operate in the two power options.

When a wife is rebellious toward her husband the marriage suffers.

[Eph 5:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/25/s_1102025) Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

Christ gave HIMSELF up for the sins of the whole world – Gentiles and Jews.

Yet for the CA Dispensation Christ has also promised a personal and intimate relationship.

Seen in 40 grace gifts at salvation that other ages did not receive.

/[Eph 5:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/26/s_1102026) so that **He might sanctify her,** having **cleansed her** (*katharizō*) **by the washing**of water with **the word**,

HAVING CLEANSED HER (ceremonial purification) Aorist tense, already done starting with HIS work on the Cross, continuing the washing in HIS MIND (BD).\

KATH-AH-REEZO, a purification process. To wash until spotless.

The BRIDE should be pure; she should be fully prepared and spotless for her husband. Marriage is a contract …it is binding and designed by GOD, both parties have to uphold the agreement.

/The BRIDE of Christ will manifest itself in resurrected glory. Meaning right now the BODY of Christ should be preparing for the wedding day. There is a call for continually washing of the WORD over the Body. The increasing intimacy of the BODY and the mind of Christ dictates the heavenly status (crowns, blessings and rewards). The whole body of CA Bels will be married to Christ, yet many will never receive intimacy seen in blessings, rewards and crowns.\

That will carry into privilege and rank in heaven.

[Eph 5:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/27/s_1102027) that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

[Eph 5:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/28/s_1102028) So husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

[Eph 5:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/29/s_1102029) for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,

[Eph 5:30](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/30/s_1102030) because we are parts of His body.

[Eph 5:31](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/31/s_1102031) FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

/[Eph 5:32](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/32/s_1102032) **This mystery is great**; but I am speaking with **reference to Christ and the church**.

Never in history has the Believer been consider a BRIDE of the GOD of the universe, with such a deep intimacy referenced here it was a mystery for other dispensations.\

[Eph 5:33](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/33/s_1102033) Nevertheless, as for you individually, each *husband* is to love his own wife the same as himself, and the wife *must see to it* that she respects her husband.