

## Mystery: Indwelling Christ

Mystery Gospel: Secret since world began, Now Manifest (Rom 16:25-26)

Mystery: God Became Flesh - Jesus Modeled...

God's Righteousness: Mind & Heart

God's Glory (Jn 1:14): His Goodness (Ex 33:18-19, 34:6-7)

so we can Know Him & Imitate Him

(Col 1:26-29) <sup>26</sup>the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**. <sup>28</sup>Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.

<sup>27</sup> **Hope of Glory: Indwelling Christ Empowers Imitation** (His Goodness)

(Jn 14:2) He went to Cross (veil: access) to make Dwelling Place in God

(Jn 14:21-23) <sup>21</sup>“He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me.

And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” <sup>22</sup>Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, “Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself to us, and not to the world?” <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will

keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

Keep Commandments = Imitate His Love (Jn 13:34)

Manifest Himself = His Dwelling Place in us (same word in Jn 14:2)

ongoing Manifestation of God: Teach & Remind (Jn 14:26) - Know Him

Empowered to Imitate Manifestation (Witness/Imitation - Acts 1:8, Rom 12:2)

<sup>28</sup> **Preach Him** (not religion) because **Perfection is In Him** (imputed & transformation)

(Col 2:9-10) <sup>9</sup>For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; <sup>10</sup>and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

<sup>29</sup> **Laboring for Perfection according to His Working**

Filled with Spirit: Container or Conduit?

(Jn 15:4-5, Jn7:38-39 living/flowing, Eph 5:18 continuously made complete)

our Labor is in Staying Connected to Him (not periodic full container plus work)

**Fullness in Him** (Col 1:19, 2:9) **Perfects us** (Col 2:10) **as we Abide in Him** (Jn 15:4-5)

Knowing His Love is Essential (connection)

(Eph 3:19) to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

the Church is Designed to Learn Love Together

(Ep 4:13-16) <sup>13</sup>till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the **fullness of Christ**; <sup>14</sup>that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup>but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head, Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Fullness (all of it) from the Head Flows through Connected Body

(1 Cor 3:16) and **Corporate Indwelling**

(Ep 2:20-22) <sup>20</sup>Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are being built together for a **dwelling place of God in the Spirit**. (1 Pe 2:5)

He will Dwell in our Midst when we Meet Together In Him! (Ps 22:3)

He is Place of Unity (not doctrine, activity, agenda)

**Christ in His Church, the Hope of Glory**