

Mystery: Glorious Body

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

Mystery 1: God Became Flesh - we can Know & Imitate Him

Mystery 2: Indwelling Christ - Empowered to Imitate Him

Hope of Manifesting His Glory (Col 1:27), our Perfection in Him (Col 1:28, 2:9-10)

Resurrection at His Coming (1 Cor 15:20-23)

Glorious Body (1 Cor 15:42-44, 47-49)

Incorruptible, Glorious, Powerful, Spiritual - Image of Jesus

Mystery: Instant Transformation (1 Cor 15:51-52) - at His Coming (last Trumpet)

Culmination of Perfection

(Heb 11:39-40) ³⁹And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, ⁴⁰God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

Living Spirit (Jn 3:3-8), War with Flesh (Gal 5:17), Incorruptible Body

Labor with Eternal Mindset of Assured Victory (1 Cor 15:54, 58)

Mindset: His Coming vs Our Going (Rapture)

(1Th 4:13-18) ¹³But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. ¹⁵For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1. Biblical Focus is on His Coming (Rev 22:7, 12, 17, 20)

2. we aren't Going - we Meet Him and Stay with Him

(2Th 2:1) ¹Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,

He's bringing all the other Saints (1 Th 3:13, Jude 1:14)

He will Rule the Earth (Rev 19:11-16), and us with Him (Rev 5:10)

we Partner with Him to Redeem the Planet

(Ro 8:18-23) ¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. ¹⁹For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; ²¹because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. ²³Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

3. Focus on His Coming & our Transformation is Comforting & Motivating

(1Jn 2:28) ²⁸And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

(1Jn 3:2-3) ²Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. ³And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

(1Th 2:19-20) ¹⁹For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? ²⁰For you are our glory and joy.

(2Ti 4:7-8) ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

⁸Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

(Tit 2:11-13) ¹¹For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹²teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,