

Inheriting the Kingdom of God
Wednesday July 3, 2024
Dr. Pete Norris

And He said to them, “To you it has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God; but to those who are outside, all things come in parables, **Mark 4:11 NKJV**

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **I Corinthians 2:7, 8 NKJV**

The most incredible thing happens between **Verses 9 and 10**. There is a change in covenant.

But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. **I Corinthians 2:9, 10 NKJV**

Verse 8 and 9, speak of Jesus Christ crucified; then verse 10; the Holy Spirit has been given to the church. At this point, Paul begins to reveal his source of knowledge. These mysteries have been released in full-scale revelation to the Church, made available to every believer who will yield himself to the Holy Spirit.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. **I Corinthians 2:12-14 NKJV**

The Holy Spirit came all the way from heaven to solve the greatest mystery of all time. His commission is taking the wisdom of God, the same wisdom that

was hidden in God In a mystery since before the foundation of the world and reveal it unto us.

Receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls. Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into. **I Peter 1:9-12 NKJV**

The Old Testament saints were given only a glimpse into the hidden wisdom. What caused Paul to be more equipped and gave him access to more revelation knowledge than any other man alive.

I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all; **I Corinthians 14:18 NKJV**

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. **Jude 1:20-21 NKJV**

Praying in tongues will also keep you in love, which removes fear.

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. **Romans 8:26, 27 NKJV**

For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. **I Corinthians 14:2-4 NKJV**

The word mysteries is mentioned by Paul three times in Corinthians. **1 Cor. 2:7, 1 Cor. 4:1, 1 Cor. 14:2.**

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, **I Corinthians 2:7 NKJV**

Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. **I Corinthians 4:1 NKJV**

A steward is an administrator for Paul to be a good steward of the mysteries of God; he had to protect those mysteries against infiltration of fake doctrine, legalism, and Satan's hatred for the church.

The word mysteries mean divine secrets. These divine secrets aren't the kind that can be told; they are secrets that are hidden on the inside of God. The Vines expository definition is that which, being outside the range of unassisted natural apprehension, can be made known by divine revelation, and is made known.....to those who have been illuminated by His spirit.

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. **II Corinthians 12:2-6 NKJV**

The words of a man's mouth are deep waters; The wellspring of wisdom is a flowing brook. **Proverbs 18:4 NKJV**

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. **I Corinthians 2:10 NKJV**

Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, But a man of understanding will draw it out. **Proverbs 20:5 NKJV**

God uses this language of edification to increase your spiritual understanding about the mysteries of everything that Christ, the Hope of Glory, is in you.

The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. 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. **Colossians 1:26-27 NKJV**

Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding. **Proverbs 4:7 NKJV**