

Doctrine of the Mystery

1. In biblical language a mystery may have reference to a truth known to those who are within the sphere of understanding but unknown to those who are outside the fellowship of faith.
 - Those who are Christians can comprehend the gospel. *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:*
 - The church can understand that national Israel is under divine judgment. *Romans 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.*
 - There is the mystery of the unity of believing Jew and believing Gentile into the one body of Christ.
 - The fact that Jesus Christ is very God of very God can be affirmed by faith. There is the revelation of the mystery of the gospel. *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,*

2. The *Bible* also speaks of several mysteries that are not fully comprehensible.
 - The Wisdom of God is Declared to be a Mystery. *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:*
 - There is the Mystery of the Transformation of the Body at the Resurrection. *1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,*
 - There is the Mystery of the Will of God. *Ephesians 1:9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:*
 - There is the Mystery of Divine Truth. This mystery is communicated by special revelation. *Ephesians 3:3 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)*
 - There is the Mystery of the Tri-unity. *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:*

- There is the Mystery of Marriage. In this mystery the bride/wife represents the relationship of Christ with the Church. *Ephesians 5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*
- There is the Mystery of the Gospel. *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,*
- There is the Hidden Mystery of the Ages. *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:*
- There is the Mystery of God. *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; Revelation 10:7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.*
- There is the Mystery 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:*
- There is the Mystery of Iniquity. *2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.*
- There is the Mystery of the Faith. *1 Timothy 3:9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.*
- There is the Mystery of Godliness. *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.*
- There is the Mystery of the Seven Stars. *Revelation 1:20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.*
- There is the Mystery of Babylon the Great. *Revelation 17:5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*
- There is the Mystery of the Woman. *Revelation 17:7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.*