

Paul's Gospel of the Mystery

Romans 1:1-6 - Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. ([Romans 1:1–6, ESV](#))

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ([1 Corinthians 1:10–17, ESV](#))

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. ([Galatians 1:6–9, ESV](#))

1. Incarnation Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ,

- a. "my gospel" – Jesus Christ, seed of David, raised from the dead ([2 Timothy 2:8](#))
- b. a.k.a mystery of godliness: [Who] was manifest in the flesh, justified in the [s]pirit, seen of [messengers], preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory." ([First Timothy 3:16](#))
- c. [1 Corinthians 15:1–4, ESV](#))- Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures

2. the mystery of the indwelling Christ. [Colossians 1:25](#):

- a. Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the Word of God;
Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to the saints:
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:

Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man *teleios* in Christ Jesus. [[Colossians 1:25-28](#)]

- b. 2 Thess 2:13 But we should always thank God for you, brothers who are loved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning to be saved by the sanctification of the Spirit and by faith in the truth. 14 [To this He called you through our gospel, so that you may share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.](#) 15 Therefore, brothers, stand firm and cling to the traditions we taught you, whether by speech or by letter....
https://biblehub.com/2_thessalonians/2-14.htm
 - c. 19 [My children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you,](#) <https://biblehub.com/galatians/4-19.htm>
 - d. John 14:22-24, 26 Judas (not Iscariot) asked Him, "Lord, why are You going to reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?" Jesus replied, ["If anyone loves Me, he will keep \(tereo, guard, watch over\) My word. My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."](#) 24 Whoever does not love Me does not keep My words. The word that you hear is not My own, but it is from the Father who sent Me.... (26) [But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have told you.](#)
3. the [mystery of the church](#) –
- a. [Ephesians 3:1-10](#) - How that by revelation He made known unto me the mystery . . . Whereby, when ye read, you may understand my knowledge in [the mystery of Christ](#) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, but is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. [[Ephesians 3:3-5](#)] [that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,](#) [[Ephesians 3:6](#)].
 - b. Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of [the gospel of Christ](#), for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, [for the Jew first and also for the Greek.](#) <https://biblehub.com/nkjv/romans/1-16.htm> (17) For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."
 - c. Romans 2 – (circumcision of the heart) [16 in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.](#) ([2 Cor 5:10 JSOC](#))
 - d. Romans 16:25-27 - [25\[g\] 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 kept secret since the world began 26 but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith – 27 to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.](#)
4. the [mystery of the blindness of Israel](#), and that is discussed in the eleventh chapter of the Book of Romans.
- a. [Romans 11:25-26](#) – the mystery of the blindness of Israel. "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. But when that day comes, when that day comes, all Israel shall be saved. [from [Romans 11:25-26](#)]
5. the [mystery of the translation of the church](#) - [First Corinthians 15:50-58](#). First Corinthians, fifteenth chapter, 50 to 58: this is the mystery of the translation of the church. You call it "the rapture" of the church. "Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. But, [I shew you a mystery](#): we shall not all sleep but we shall all be changed In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall all be changed. [[1 Corinthians 15:50-52](#)]

6. The **sixth mystery** is the the **mystery of iniquity**. In the second chapter of the second Thessalonian letter, **Second Thessalonians 2:1-9**, "Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto Him, That ye be not soon shaken or troubled ... Let no man deceive you . . . that day will not come, except there first comes the standing away, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitting in a temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. **[2 Thessalonians 2:1-4]**. Remember not, I told you these things? And know ye now what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the **mystery of iniquity doth already work**: only he who now letteth will let until he be taken out of the way.
7. the mystery of the body of Christ – the church **Ephesians 5:22-32**. **21** Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. **c 22** Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife as **Christ is the head of the church, His body**, of which He is the Savior. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as **Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her** **26** to sanctify her, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, **27** and to present her to Himself as a glorious church, without stain or wrinkle or any such blemish, but holy and blameless.

28 In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** Indeed, no one ever hated his own body, but he **nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church.** **30** **For we are members of His body.** ^d

31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and **the two will become one flesh."** ^e **32** This mystery is profound, but I am speaking about Christ and the church.