

The Mysteries from Paul *The Mystery Dispensation*

- I.** The Pauline mysteries are for Christian spiritual maturing.
 1. A mystery was truth previously hidden but now made plain by Paul's explanation (Rom. 16:25; Col. 1:26).
 2. Paul had a special relationship with Christ and role in explaining the Christian life (Eph. 3:2-3).

- II.** The Mystery Dispensation.
 1. Old Testament prophets foresaw not time gap between the 'suffering' and the 'glory' (1 Pet. 1:10-12).
 2. The 'suffering' and the 'glory' with no gap (Ps. 22:13-18, 21-22; Is. 52:13-15).
 3. The church in the Old Testament (Zech. 14:5).

- III.** The Mystery Dispensation explained (Eph. 3:2-3).
 1. By definition of a mystery, the Dispensation of Grace is ***not*** in the Old Testament.
 2. This Dispensation is ***not*** the "Church Age" (Gal. 1:4).
 3. Full titles for this Dispensation:
 - 1) "The Dispensation of Grace from God" (Eph. 3:2).
 - 2) "The Dispensation a quality of a mystery" (Eph. 3:9).
 - 3) "A Dispensation from God, the one by faith (1 Tim. 1:4).
 4. "*The Mystery Dispensation of Grace from God, the one by faith*"

- IV.** This Dispensation as it relates to spiritual maturity.
 1. Under the Law no one could mature spiritually (Heb. 7:19).
 2. We have a better covenant/testament (Heb. 7:22).
 3. We have better promises (Heb. 8:6).
 4. Jesus offered Himself as better sacrifices (Heb. 9:23).
 5. Our future tense salvation is better (Heb. 11:40).
 6. Our High Priest is better (Heb. 12:24; 4:14-16).
 7. We seek a better City (Heb. 13:14 cf. 11:9-10).