

The Mysteries from Paul

The Mystery of Godliness

- I.** The mysteries of Paul are not in the Old Testament (Rom. 16:25-27; Eph. 3:9-10; Col. 1:26; 1 Cor. 2:6-7).
 1. The Mystery Gospel for Maturing (Rom. 16:25-27).
 2. The Mystery Dispensation (Eph. 3:2-3).
 3. The Mystery concerning The Christ as a New Creation (Eph. 3:3-4; 1 Cor. 12:12).
 4. The Mystery of Lawlessness (2 Thes. 2:6-7).
- II.** Old Testament saints were righteous and upright, but could not be godly nor be spiritual mature (Heb. 7:19 *cf.* Ps. 1:1, 4-6).
 1. The Mystery Gospel (Rom. 16:25).
 2. No indwelling Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33).
- III.** Godliness is the lifestyle a Christian should desire (1 Tim. 2:2).
 1. Godliness takes effort (1 Tim. 4:7-8).
 2. Godliness is not in the Old Testament (1 Tim. 6:3-5 *cf.* Rom. 15:4; Tit. 1:9).
 3. Godliness is spiritual beneficial spiritually, not physically (1 Tim. 6:6-8).
 4. The Christian is to pursue godliness (1 Tim. 6:11-12).
 5. The Christian is not from your own strength (2 Tim. 3:5).
 6. Godliness incorporates the future (2 Pet. 3:11).
- IV.** The Mystery of Godliness (1 Tim. 3:16).
 1. Is not the incarnation (Is. 7:14; 9:6-7; Micah 5:2).
 2. Godliness is the quality of life of the Son lived in the flesh/human, “manifest in flesh” (1 Tim. 3:16).
 - 1) Started when the Holy Spirit came upon Him (Jn. 1:32).
 - 2) To be tempted by Satan (Mt. 4:1-10; Lk. 4:1-13).
 - 3) And prove to be impeccable (Heb. 4:15).
 - 4) Seen of angels (Mk. 1:13; 1 Tim. 3:16).
 - 5) The final display, when He ascended on High (Acts 1:10).
 3. The Christian possesses a quality of the life of God (1 Jn. 5:11-13).
 - 1) The Christian can show out this quality of life, has all the provisions to be godly.
 - 2) The Christian is obligated to be godly.

Godliness is showing out God’s quality of life, eternal life, through a human body.