

Welcome to Calvary Chapel of Hilo

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Sunday Morning - 9:00 A.M. "**The Mystery Revealed**" Ephesians 3:14-21

Next Week – "**The Fullness of God**" Ephesians 3:1-13

Tuesday Night Study

6:30 PM Bladen's House - 16-2064 Macadamia Dr. Pahoa, 96778 (352) 665-3251

Wednesday Morning Studies

9:30 A.M. – 1 Samuel – At the Church

THE WORD MYSTERY MEANS...

A secret; a mystery; a fact or truth that man is unable to discover by himself; a fact or truth that has to be revealed to man.

Practical Application

It is a fact or truth that had been hidden and kept secret by God until it was time for it to be revealed. It does not mean something hard to understand or something strange and mysterious as a magical trick. It does not mean that there is something mysterious about God. It means some fact or truth...

- that is known only by God.
- that God reveals to man because He loves man and man desperately needs to know the truth.

There are several important mysteries or secrets revealed in the Bible.

1. The mystery of the gospel, that is, God's wisdom which is Christ crucified (1 Cor. 1:23-24; 1 Cor. 2:7; Ephes. 6:19).
2. The mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven. (See POSB note—Matthew 13:10-11; cp. Matthew 13:1-52.)
3. The mystery of Israel's blindness and restoration (Romans 11:25-27).
4. The mystery of the believers' resurrection, which will enable them to live an incorruptible life with God (1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thes. 4:13-18).

5. The mystery of God's will: that He is to gather together and unify all things in Christ—unify them in a spirit of peace and harmony—all things, both visible and invisible (Ephes. 1:9-10).
6. The mystery of the church and of God's universal love: that both Jew and Gentile are included in the church (Ephes. 3:4-6; cp. 1 Cor. 2:7-12; Romans 16:25).
7. The mystery of the church: that the church is the bride and body of Christ (Ephes. 5:30-32; cp. Ephes. 5:22-33).
8. The mystery of the indwelling Christ, of "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:26-27; Galatians 2:20).
9. The mystery of godliness or of Christ; of God's coming to earth in human flesh in the person of Jesus Christ (Col. 2:2, 9; 1 Tim. 3:16; Col. 4:3; 2 Cor. 5:19).
10. The mystery of iniquity and of sin in the world and of man's disobedience to God (2 Thes. 2:7; Ephes. 2:2).
11. The mystery of the seven stars or local churches and pastors (Rev. 1:20).
12. The mystery of Babylon in the end time (Rev. 17:5, 7).

Practical Word Studies in The New Testament.

MYSTERY

"The mystery to which Paul gives witness [Rom 16:25-26] is not the mystery of a darkness that must be dispelled but the mystery of a light that may be entered. It is not something we don't know but something that is too much to know. God and his operations cannot be educed to what we are capable of knowing and explaining and reproducing."

Eugene H. Peterson in Marva Dawn and Eugene Peterson, *The Unnecessary Pastor. Grand Rapids, MI: William B. Eerdmans, 2000, p. 68*