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**Mystery**

Mark 4:11-13 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: 12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. 13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? And how then will ye know all parables? (KJV)

The things of God are described as being a mystery, a truth that has been hidden to the outward man, but is now being revealed to the inward one. In fact the term knowing is used because without knowing who you are in Christ, you may well be a mystery to God, something you don’t want to wait till the Day of Judgment to find out.

Matthew 16:15-17 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (KJV)

I was personally asked about this mystery that we preach and what is the big deal about it? Well first of all it reveals a name, and not just the name of the outward man which many today acknowledge as Jesus. In order to truly know the Father you have to know His Son, and that is by personal revelation through the Spirit.

Matthew 16:18-20 And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. (KJV)

So what’s the big deal? By leaving Christ out of the equation you have eliminated the foundation from which the Lord builds on. You also are left standing at the door of the kingdom, without the keys to enter in. Those are two things I don’t desire to have left out of my arsenal.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds thereon. But let every man take heed how he builds thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (KJV)

Many builders today are trying to subcontract and cut corners, building on a sandy foundation. Those are the many that have been called, but have not been chosen, at least not by God. These are the many that are popular with mankind because their doctrines appeal more to the outward man than the inward one our Lord is revealing to His people.

Ephesians 3:3-5 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; (KJV)

There is not much of a mystery concerning Jesus of Nazareth; many knew this man and his family lineage according to the flesh. Today many still hold to the name of Jesus, but leave out Christ, the rock that holds the church together. Take note of verse 5 which clearly shows us who this mystery is revealed to.

To be continued…God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.