

The Mystery of God Is the Gospel

The mystery of God is God "manifest in the flesh." 1 Tim. 3:16.

But as God is manifested only in Christ, the mystery of God is God manifest *in Christ* in the flesh. Matt. 11:27; 1 Tim. 3:16.

And the mystery of God being God manifest in Christ in the flesh, when this mystery reaches men, it is "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Col. 1:26, 27.

The mystery of God, the mystery of the gospel, is *not* the *profession* of Christ in you; but Christ in you, in reality and in truth. It is not the profession of Christianity and the practise of its forms *without*, but *WITH*, the living Christ as all the life and inspiration and power of the profession and the forms.

The profession of Christianity and the practise of its forms without the living Christ as all the life and inspiration and power of the profession and the practise, the name without the Person, and the form without the power, is the *mystery of iniquity*.

The life which Christ does not inhabit, Satan does inhabit. The life of which Christ is not the inspiration, Satan is the inspiration. Then as the mystery of God is the true, living Christ in you, the hope of glory, the living Christ all the inspiration and the power of the profession and the practise of Christianity and all its forms; so the mystery of iniquity, being the mere profession of Christianity without the life of Christ, the form without the power of godliness, and Satan being the real occupant of the profession and the forms, —the mystery of iniquity is Satan in you, the hope of glory. It is Satan in the place of Christ *in the profession of Christianity*.

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