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**February 21–27*

Reconciliation *and* Hope

Read for This Week's Study: Col. 1:21–29, Eph. 5:27, Eph. 3:17, Rom. 8:18, Eph. 1:7–10, Eph. 3:3–6, Prov. 14:12.

Memory Text: "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him"

WEDNESDAY

February 25

Mystery of God Revealed

Read Colossians 1:26, 27. Paul twice talks about “the mystery.” What mystery?

Colossians 1:26-27 26 the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.

27 To them God willed to make known **what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles:** which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

Rev 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

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In another place, Paul refers to “the mystery of God,” which is God’s eternal purpose “ordained before the ages for our glory” (1 Cor. 2:7, NKJV) and revealed through the plan of salvation. Peter speaks of this truth as something that the prophets anticipated and that “**angels desire to look into**” (1 Pet. 1:10–12). It was devised “before the foundation of the world” (1 Pet. 1:20) and “**kept secret since the world began**” (Rom. 16:25). However, through Christ’s life, death, and resurrection, this mystery has been unveiled (2 Cor. 3:14).

How do the following references to the mystery of God illuminate various aspects of the plan of salvation?

Eph. 1:7–10 7 In Him we have redemption **through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins, **according to the riches of His grace**

8 which **He made to abound toward us** in all wisdom and prudence,

9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times **He might gather together in one all things in Christ**, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

1. **Ephesians 3:3-6** 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already,
2. 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ),
3. 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, **as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:**
4. 6 **that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise** in Christ through the gospel,

Jhn 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Jhn 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Jhn 15:6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

Jhn 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Colossians 1:27 To them God willed to make known **what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles:** which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

The only defense against evil is the indwelling of Christ in the heart through faith in His righteousness. Unless we become vitally connected with God, we can never resist the unhallowed effects of self-love, self-indulgence, and temptation to sin. We may leave off many bad habits, for the time we may part company with Satan; but without a vital connection with God, through the surrender of ourselves to Him moment by moment, we shall be overcome. Without a personal acquaintance with Christ, and a continual communion, we are at the mercy of the enemy, and shall do his bidding in the end. DA 324.1

Ultimately, "all things" in heaven and on earth will be brought together into complete oneness in Christ. This was the focus of Christ's prayer in John 17. Exactly how this would come about was a mystery that has now been revealed through the gospel.

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Why God would love us so much that He would give Jesus, heaven's priceless treasure, for our salvation, will be our study throughout eternity. But we

know this: Christ “died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again” (2 Cor. 5:15, NKJV). As a result, all who believe in Christ, both Jews and Gentiles, share equally in the promises of God through the gospel and have been brought together into one body, the church.

“Christ in you” (Col. 1:27) refers to Christ’s dwelling in the heart by faith (Eph. 3:17; compare Gal. 2:20). This spiritual union with Christ enables believers even now to “sit together in heavenly places” (Eph. 2:6) and taste “the powers of the world to come” (Heb. 6:5). Through Christ’s presence in our lives, He is already beginning to unite us with heaven. It is the gospel working in the hearts of believers that “has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light” (Col. 1:12, NKJV).

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