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SPEAK THE MYSTERY BOLDLY

Make known the mystery of Christ

We are to make known the mystery of Christ boldly! Apostle Paul asked for prayer that:

- "utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak" Ephesians 6:19-20.
- He also asked for prayer from the church in Colosse saying, "praying also for us, that God would open a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak" Colossians 4:2-4.
- Paul says that we are speak *boldly*. We are to *make known the mystery of the gospel!* We are to *speak the mystery of Christ!* We are to make the mystery of Christ *manifest!*
- This is how we "ought to speak".

Let's learn to pray for each other and those who are responsible to minister the Word in this way. The mystery is to be made manifest and known to all nations!

The Mystery

The foundational mystery from which all the other mysteries proceed is the mystery of Godliness. Paul wrote to Timothy, "And without controversy great is the mystery of Godliness: God was manifested in the flesh..." 1 Timothy3:16.

- Jesus the Messiah is God manifested in the flesh! Jesus is God. This is the mystery which is to be "preached among the nations" and "believed on in the world" 1 Timothy 3:16
- "For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily" Colossians 2:9. "All the fullness was pleased to dwell in Him" [Literal of Colossians 1:19].
- Heaven and earth have come together in the Man Christ Jesus. God and humanity have been joined together in the Man Christ Jesus. Jesus was in heaven and on earth at the same time "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven" John 3:13.
- Jesus the Messiah is Immanuel God with us! "The virgin will be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, 'God with us'" Matthew1:23.

The primary mystery to be made manifest boldly is that God, the Eternal One, became a man in Jesus the Christ! Jesus is God with us!

Jesus Christ the Creator

Jesus the Messiah created all things!

- "For by Him (Christ Jesus, the Son) all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him" Colossians 1:16. Everything you can see and everything you cannot see was created by Jesus the Messiah!
- "the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ..." Ephesians 3:9. One of the key aspects of the mystery of Christ is that all things were created through Him.
- "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were created through Him and without Him nothing was made that was made...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us..." John 1:1-3,14. All things were created through the Word. The Word is God. The Word became flesh, that is, Jesus the Messiah, the Anointed King.

Preach Jesus the Christ, the Messiah

The only way to grow to maturity and fulfill the word of God, the mystery (Col.1:25-26), is to focus our ministry and discipleship to give attention to expounding the mystery of Christ – "Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" Colossians 1:28.

- This is how we come to perfection.
- "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord"

 2Corinthians 3:18. It is the unveiling of Jesus the Messiah, by receiving the revelation of the mystery of Christ, that causes us to change into the same image experiencing increasing measures of glory unto perfection!

Christ Jesus – the image of God

When God created man in the beginning He said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness" Genesis 1:26. Then the Scripture says, "So God created man in His image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" Genesis 1:27. Man, male and female, was made in the image of God! What is the image of God?

- "the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them"
 2 Corinthians 4:4. Jesus the Messiah is the image of God!
- "He (Christ Jesus, the Son of God) is the image of the invisible of God" Colossians 1:15
- The Son of God is "the express image of His (God's) Person" Hebrews 1:3
- Man was made *in the image of God!* That image is Jesus the Messiah! Man was made to be like Jesus the Messiah!
- "For whom He foreknew, HE also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son that He might be the Firstborn among many brethren" Romans 8:29. The mystery of the gospel

is that we are now able to be "renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him (the new man)" Colossians 3:10.

- "As we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man" 1 Corinthians 15:49.
- We were always created to be in His image. The image of God, Christ Jesus Himself, is now living in all those who have believed in Him and received Him "To them (the saints) God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ [the Anointed King] in you, the hope of glory" Colossians 1:27. Christ the image of God is in us!

The Body of Christ

Now a Body, a corporate Messiah, is rising in the earth! "For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ" 1Corinthians 12:12. The mystery of Christ is that Christ, the Messiah, is a many membered Body!

- "For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones" Ephesians 5:30. We are members of Christ Himself. Just like we have partaken of Adam, so now we, through faith and baptism into Christ (1 Cor.12:13, Rom.6:3-5), we partake of the last Adam, Jesus the Messiah, being members of His body!
- Jesus the Messiah has "created in Himself One New Man" Ephesians 2:15. There are no divisions of race, religion, social status because what matters is a new creation where Christ is all and in all and we are one in Him (Gal.6:15, Col.3:11, Gal.3:27)
- This One New Man is a corporate Man which is coming to "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" Ephesians 4:13. There is a corporate Son. A corporate Messiah rising in the earth. A people who together fully manifest the Messiah Jesus in the earth!
- What a glorious mystery to proclaim!

Fill the earth, subdue it and have dominion

In the beginning God blessed Man, male and female, to "fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion..." Genesis 1:28. This is still the plan!

- We do not yet see all things properly subject to Man the way God intended "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honour, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone" Hebrews 2:9. There is a Man that has all things subjected to Him the way God intended! It is Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God!
- God worked His mighty power in Jesus Christ when He "raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenlies, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things" Ephesians 1:20-22. Jesus the Christ now occupies the position that God always intended for Man!
- Jesus the Messiah, as head over all things has been given "to the church, which is His Body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all" Ephesians 1:23. We are His body, having been joined to the head over all things. His body is the fullness of Him, the full expression of who He is in the earth. It is through His body that God fills the earth!

- Christ is seated in the position of complete authority, far above all powers and we, His church and Body, have been "raised up together and made to sit together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus" Ephesians 2:6. We are seated with Christ Jesus in the place of all authority so that we can subdue the earth by manifesting His kingdom power and authority, displacing the principalities and powers in the heavenlies by declaring the mystery, the manifold wisdom of God! (Ephesians 3:8-11)
- Through the suffering of the Captain of our Salvation, Jesus the Messiah, He is now "bringing many sons to glory" Hebrews 2:10. Through these sons manifesting His glory "creation itself will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God" Romans 8:18-21. This is how Man will exercise having dominion over the earth! It is mature sons of God manifesting His glory that causes creation to respond and be set free again to enjoy the dominion of the kingdom of God as expressed through sons of God!
- ❖ It is time for the church to understand her destiny! (Lam.1:9)
- ❖ No more looking for a way out, an escape, but looking to "fulfill the word of God, the mystery" (Col.1:25-26).
- ❖ Can you hear the nations are crying, "Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father" Phil.2:11
- ❖ All of creation in heaven, earth and beneath the earth are confessing, Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father!
- ❖ Let the manifestation of the glory of God, Christ in us, come forth in maturity in all the earth!
- ❖ There is a new creation! There is a new society! A place where only righteousness dwells! (2Pet.3:13)
- ❖ As we walk in obedience the disobedience around us will be punished! (2Cor.10:5-6)
- ❖ Fill us with Your mighty power Lord Jesus. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we may speak Your Word with all boldness, stretching forth Your hand to heal and do mighty signs and wonders through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus!! (Acts4:27-30).
- ❖ Who is this King of glory? It is Jesus, strong and mighty!! He is the King of glory!! (Ps.24:7-10)

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the glorious name of Jesus! Nick Jackson

CALENDAR

→ Training Day at SHILOH: Saturday 9th November from 1pm to 4pm

Learn, grow, be trained and ready for the mission that Jesus has called us to – discipling nations!

Weekly Timetable at SHILOH:

Tuesday: 9am – 10am worship/prayer/Lord's Table at SHILOH

10.30am – 12pm discipleship class and Canada Zoom

Thursday: 9:30am to 12:30pm – ministry training school – which includes a time of waiting on God in corporate prayer, worship and the Lord's Table at the beginning.

1pm to 2pm – extra discipleship study lesson for those available

Weekly Zoom meetings available:

- Thursday ministry school from 9.30am to 12.30pm, Eastern Australian time
- Sunday afternoon fellowship meeting from 4pm, Eastern Australian time.

Missions to pray into:

- → Apostle Rob Cochrane and disciple Geoffrey are in Cairns and heading into the Cape over the next few weeks to reach into communities and make disciples. Places like Cooktown, Laura, Weipa and Napranum and possible new places will be reached.
- → Apostle Nick will be in Victoria from November 15-20 laying apostolic foundations over a weekend in Albury being hosted by Pastor Moise, a Congolese minister. John Atkins and Noel Tass will be involved in this outreach and John has been laying the groundwork of discipleship among the Congolese community in Albury/Wodonga. Also, saints in Shepparton, Rochester and Melbourne will be visited
- → Apostle Nick and the Jackson family are travelling to Uganda and Kenya on mission from December 25 to January 22. They will be part of the annual apostolic camp held in Uganda with apostle Wilson and will visit Western Uganda as well as Busia and Kangemi in Kenya, visiting the bases run by Prophet Joshua Otieno and apostle Peter and Tabitha Gatumbi.