

MYSTERY OF GODLINESS

In 1 Timothy 3:15 Paul says *“that if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar [mainstay] and ground [foundation] of the truth”*.

The greatest truth that should be taught and believed by revelation in every church, is **the mystery of godliness**, that GOD, the Eternal, Almighty ONE, became man.

In 1 Timothy 3:16 Paul states six component truths that reveal the mystery of godliness.

“And without controversy great is the mystery [hidden truth] of godliness:

God was manifested in the flesh,

Justified in the Spirit,

Seen by angels,

Preached among the Gentiles [nations]

Believed on in the world,

Received up in glory.”

I. GOD WAS MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH

John 1:1 & 14 explain this truth: *“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God.” “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

In 1 John 1:1-3, Jesus is described as *“that which is from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life – the life was manifested”*.

Paul says of Jesus Christ *“who being in the form of God” Phil.2:6*. Jesus was always God – He was manifest in the flesh (Phil.2:7-8)

II. GOD WAS JUSTIFIED IN THE SPIRIT

God manifest in the flesh was witnessed to, or rendered right and just, by the Holy Spirit. *“By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has*

come in the flesh is not of God” 1 John 4:2-3.

- At His conception: *“The Holy Spirit will come upon you ... and that Holy One who is born will be called the Son of God” Luke 1:35.*
- At Jesus’ baptism: *“The heavens were opened to Him and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him” Matthew 3:16-17.*
- Through His resurrection: *“Declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection of the dead” Romans 1:4.*

III. SEEN BY ANGELS

- At His conception *“The angel answered and said to her” Lu.1:35*
- At His birth *“An angel of the Lord stood before them”* announcing the birth of Jesus, **Luke 2:9-13.**
- As a Child, Jesus was protected by angels, **Matthew 2:13 & 19**
- In the wilderness *“The devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him” Matthew 4:11.*
- In the garden of Gethsemane *“Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him” Luke 22:43.*

- At His resurrection *“Two men stood by them in shining garments ... they said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living among the dead’”* Luke 24:4-6.
- At His ascension to heaven *“Two men stood by them in white apparel”* Acts 1:9-11.

IV. PREACHED AMONG THE GENTILES

The apostles *“went out and preached everywhere”* Mark 16:20.

“Those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word” Acts 8:4.

Paul said he was the apostle to the Gentiles (**Galatians 2:7-8**); and he was given grace to *“preach among the Gentiles”* Ephesians 3:8.

While Paul ministered in Ephesus *“All who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks”* Acts 19:9-10.

Paul said *“The word of the truth of the gospel ... has come to you, as it has also in all the world”* Colossians 1:5b-6.

Historically the church has gone to the nations preaching Jesus Christ.

V. BELIEVED ON IN THE WORLD

The Ethiopian man heard the preaching of Jesus Christ and said, *“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God”* Acts 8:37.

Peter declared in the house of Cornelius *“whoever believes in Him [Jesus] will receive remission of sins”* Acts 10:43-44.

The Philippian jailer and his household were saved by believing *“on the Lord Jesus Christ”* Acts 16:31-32.

To this day people all over the world are believing on Jesus Christ, that He is the Son of God and they are being saved. If you are born again and you truly know the Lord, then you are a living proof that Jesus Christ was God manifested in the flesh.

VI. RECEIVED UP IN GLORY

The awesome event of Jesus being received up in glory was witnessed by the apostles: *“While they watched, He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight”* Acts 1:9.

Stephen saw Jesus in glory, *“I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God”* Acts 7:56.

Jesus *“when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the majesty on high”* Heb.1:3.

Jesus is at the right hand of God, having been *“received up into heaven”* Mark 16:19.

The mighty power of God *“worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenlies”* Ephesians 1:20.

➤ **The Mystery of Godliness** is to be our confession. We are to be taught and enabled to speak of the mystery of godliness – God becoming a man – with Scriptural knowledge and understanding.

Paul says in **Colossians 2:9-10**, speaking of Christ, *“For in Him dwells all the fulness of the Godhead bodily [or in bodily form], and you are complete in Him.”*

Paul says in **2 Corinthians 5:19**, *“That God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.”* Now *“we are ambassadors of Christ, as though God were pleading through us”* v.20.

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