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MYSTERY DOCTRINE

The Greek noun *musterion* originally referred to the secret doctrines of ancient religious organizations. Only those persons initiated into the group knew the mysteries. Their doctrines were well known among its members, but secret to the outside world, because nothing was disclosed to outsiders.

Paul borrowed this well-known pagan term to communicate the divine truths of the royal family of God. Paul use the term *musterion*, where the initiates are the Church Age believers and the doctrines are those concerned with the Church. God did not disclose Church doctrine to the writers of OT Scripture, but these marvelous truths now are revealed throughout the NT epistles.

Romans 16:25-27

Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever.

Ephesians 3:3-10 "that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. And by referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; to be specific, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power.

To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God, who created all things; in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

Colossians 1:25-29

"Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God, that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations; but has now been manifested to His saints, to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. And we proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, that we may present every man complete in Christ. And for this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.

“But holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience (1 Timothy 3:9).

“But we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom, which God predestined before the ages to our glory; the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; (1 Corinthians 2:7-8).

The mystery doctrine reveals all the politeuma privileges of the Church Age believers, which set the Church Age apart from other dispensations. The mandate to “keep holding the mystery doctrine” identifies the most vital function of the royal family of God. That function is to continually learn, retain, and apply the doctrines of the Church Age. Hearing, meditating on doctrine, living by doctrine is the highest form of worship.

The royal family of God has a unique potential to worship God because of the unprecedented extent of divine revelation in the mystery doctrine (Ephesians 3:18).

The mystery doctrine of the Church Age is received, perceived, revealed, and metabolized into the souls of the believers by the resident Holy Spirit. The unbelievers cannot in any way perceive and understands the Word of God, because they do not have the Holy Spirit – the only Teacher. Pastors, preacher and Bible teachers are just the communicator of Bible doctrines.