

ROOTED IN MYSTERY

All of Christianity is a bit mysterious.

(Colossians 1:25-29) I have become it's minister, according to God's administration that was given to me for you, to make God's message fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints. God wanted to make known to those among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. I labor for this, striving with His strength that works powerfully in me.

1. A Mysterious Message

(25-26) ...to make God's message fully known, the mystery hidden for ages...

- A. There's something mysterious about the delivery of this message.
- B. There's something mysterious about the content of this message.
- C. There's something mysterious about the effect of this message.

2. A Mysterious Messiah

(27) God wanted to make known to those among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

- A. A "non-Jewish Messiah" was a mystery to the Jews.
- B. A "Jewish Messiah" was a mystery to the non-Jews.

(27) Christ in you, (is) the hope of glory.

- C. God's Mysterious Messiah is the hope of glory.

3. A Mysterious Maturity

(28) We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

- A. Believe in Him. Lean on Him. Live for Him. Follow Him. He'll never fail you.
- B. It's time to grow up.