“Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, but now is made manifest”

~ Romans 16:25

1. The Secrets of God
   a. The secret things belong to the Lord – Deut 29:29
   b. God knows the secret things, and can reveal them - Daniel 2:18-22
   c. God has revealed mysteries, the most important is about Christ to Paul – Eph 3:2
   d. Last week we learned that we know Christ not after the flesh – 2 Cor 5:16-17
   e. We preach Christ according to the revelation of the mystery.
   f. A good question to ask: What is the mystery?

2. Many Mysteries
   a. First, there is more than one – 1 Cor 4:1, Col 2:2
   b. Mystery of the kingdom: it was being delayed - Mat 13:11, Mark 4:11
   c. Mystery of God: the end of all prophecy - Rev 10:7
   d. Mystery of the Father: to be glorified in the Son - Eph 1:9-10, Phil 2:9-11
   e. Mystery of godliness: about God manifest in the flesh – 1 Tim 3:16
   f. Mystery of iniquity: about Satan’s manifestation in the flesh – 2 Thess 2:7
   g. Mystery of Israel: their salvation postponed, blind until later - Rom 11:25
   h. We preach Jesus Christ ... not merely mysteries. It is the mystery of Christ.

3. What is the Mystery of Christ?
   a. Israel’s fall + preaching Christ = Christ is not of Israel anymore - Rom 11:11, 25
   c. It concerns the gospel of Christ – Eph 6:19, 1 Cor 9:17, 1 Cor 2:7-8
      i. The very gospel of the cross that saves us – 1 Cor 1:18, 23-24, 2:1
   d. (Mystery of Christ is the gospel today; it is simple to understand, hard to believe)
   e. It is about a new creature, one body, the church – 2 Cor 5:17, Eph 3:6, 5:32
   f. It includes the riches of Christ to perform a heavenly ministry – Eph 3:8-11
      i. Christ did it all... and he is over all – Eph 1:20-21, Col 1:18-19
   g. Summary: riches, among Gentiles, Christ in us, hope of glory – Col 1:25-27
   h. The mystery was unknown before and is new compared to Israel’s instructions

4. Conclusion
   a. Knowing mysteries is insufficient without charity - 1 Cor 13:2
   b. Charity desires to see the truth benefit others – 1 Cor 13:6
   c. Preaching the mystery is insufficient without Christ. Start with the gospel!
   d. We do not merely preach the mystery, we preach Jesus Christ according to...
   e. We preach the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, crucified, according to the mystery.