

TO THE PRAISE OF HIS GLORIOUS GRACE

What is Glory?

1. Radiant - *It is meant to be seen.*
2. Profound (Hebrew: *kavod* - heavy, weighty)
3. Beauty - captivating
4. Inexhaustible
5. Praise-Worthy (Greek: *doxa*)

What is Grace?

The **unearned, undeserved**
 LOVE of Father-God,
 given to us **IN CHRIST**
 which gives us access to
the **unlimited power** of the Holy Spirit

THE MYSTERIES REVEALED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1 **The Gospel Reveals the Many Facets of The Mystery**

Romans 16:25–27 Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages 16:26 but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 16:27 to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

1 Corinthians 2:7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory

1 Corinthians 4:1 This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

Ephesians 6:19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel...

2 **The Mystery of Summing Up All Things in Christ**

Ephesians 1:6–10 In Him [The Beloved, Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 1:8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight 1:9 *making known to us the mystery of his will*, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 1:10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

3 The Mystery of The Church as Jew and Gentile in One Body

Ephesians 1:9; 3:3–4, 9 1:9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 3:3 how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. 3:4 When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, 3:9 and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things,

4 The Mystery of The Church as Christ's Bride

Ephesians 5:32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

5 The Mystery of "Christ in You the Hope of Glory"

Colossians 1:26–27 1:26 the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.

1:27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

6 Christ Himself (As the Focus of the Gospel)

Colossians 2:2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and *the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ*

Colossians 4:3 At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—

7 The Mystery of Israel's Partial Hardening

Romans 11:25 Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

8 The Translation at the Last Trumpet

1 Corinthians 15:51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

9 The Mystery of Lawlessness

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

10 The Mystery of Godliness

1 Tim. 3:9 They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

1 Tim. 3:16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.

11 Larger Eternal Purposes Completed

Rev. 10:7 but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, *the mystery of God would be fulfilled*, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

12 Mystery of The Name of Babylon the Great Harlot (Revelation 17)