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**Slice of Life**

Mark 4:11-13 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: (12) That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. (13) And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? (KJV)

Thayers definition for ‘mystery’:

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1) hidden thing, secret, mystery

b) a hidden or secret thing, not obvious to the understanding

c) hidden purpose or counsel; secret will:

2) of God: the secret counsels which govern God in dealing with the righteous, which are hidden from ungodly and wicked men but plain to the godly

We have been talking the last couple weeks about removing the veil or the blinders that keep mankind operating in the partial area and not in the unending realm of the Spirit that our Lord desires to see His people in. God describes these things as being hidden, a secret also which unlocks all the treasures of His wisdom and knowledge which is in Christ. So who is God revealing these things to, and are they available for me as well?

Ephesians 3:3-6 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, (4) Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) (5) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; (6) That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: (KJV)

Do take notice that throughout the New Testament when you see terms like mystery, revealed, or revelation you will find that it involves Christ, the Son of God. Many today are still focused on the partial outward man Jesus alone, and don’t see within to find out who God is revealing this mystery to. Many teach and preach only in the name of Jesus which tells you that their vision of salvation is limited to just the realm of the flesh, a realm that is not pleasing to God. Just a side note also, is it any wonder why the enemy of our Lord is described as being a spirit of antichrist and not antijesus.

1 Corinthians 1:23-25 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; (24) But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. (25) Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (KJV)

Well, the reason that the enemy does not desire to see God’s people go beyond the realm of the flesh and into the Spirit is because that keeps a lot of things off the table, like the power as well as the wisdom of God. I would definitely say that is enough to keep one in the partial area again where they are blinded to the fullness of the truth.

Ephesians 4:17-19 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, (18) Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: (19) Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. (KJV)

The Gentiles are those who are considered outside the realm of God; however, Christ died so that any that would call upon His name would be saved. We see the blindness is something spiritual, a veil that keeps the vision blocked and unable to see the truth.

Ephesians 4:20-22 But ye have not so learned Christ; (21) If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: (22) That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; (KJV)

Once you have the mystery of the gospel revealed to you through the Spirit you will see the answer is within, so that you don’t have to be on the outside any longer.