*Wednesday, February 12, 2014*

**Still the One**

1 Corinthians 13:1-2 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. (KJV)

Strong’s definition for Mysteries - 3466 musterion (moos-tay'-ree-on); From a derivative of muo (to shut the mouth); a secret or "mystery" (through the idea of silence imposed by initiation into religious rites): KJV-- mystery.

We see the term mysteries used which although it appears to be in the plural sense, is actually a derivative of a singular source. Even though this term appears numerous times in the New Testament it is actually a result of one mystery that every Christian needs to know for themselves by heart.

Romans 16:25-26 Now to him that is of power to establish 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, 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: (KJV)

What you will find consistently throughout the New Testament is that when you see the terms mystery and revealed mentioned, you will see it involves Christ.

Ephesians 3:3-5 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; (KJV)

Christ is the unseen Son of the living God who was within Jesus of Nazareth, which is the part that is mysterious to many. People could easily identify Jesus of Nazareth and tell you all about his carnal lineage, but that same carnal veil that was covering the Spirit of Christ back then is the same veil that is upon the heart of those that haven’t had the Son revealed to them personally.

Colossians 2:2-4 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; 3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. (KJV)

Man today keeps pointing the people to the outward man after the flesh not realizing that the mystery was the inward man, hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Moreover it is required in stewards that a man is found faithful. (KJV)

So even though we see the term mysteries being mentioned it is all a result of one revelation, the mystery of Christ, something we are required to put our faith and trust in, the inward man.

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)

The reality is that someday when standing before God He is not going to ask you what you think, but what do you know. Unless one is able to give the answer to the mystery of the kingdom, they will have an eternity to ponder why they were not able to give the correct response especially when it was a free gift given for them to know.

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.