



Parables-Faith-Babylon-Paul

#### INTRODUCTION

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God

may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) Study to shew thyself approved

unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,

rightly dividing the word of truth.

## INTRODUCTION

- 1 Corinthians 4:1-2
- 1 Let a man so consider <u>us</u>, as <u>servants of Christ</u> and <u>stewards of the mysteries of God</u>.
- 2 Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.



- truths previously unrevealed unknown
- now revealed and proclaimed *Colossians 1:26* the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints.



MYSTERY #1
Blindness of Israel

MYSTERY #2

The **Church** - Jews & Gentiles

- One New Man in Christ

**Second Coming** 

Rapture



- Grateful for Gospel to us Gentiles
- Be Humble lesson re rejecting God
- Error of Replacement Theology
- Appreciate His Mercy & super Grace
- Bless Israel & Pray Jews' salvation
- Pray for Peace of Jerusalem

#### WHY BOTHER?

- Appreciate Church unique
- Give thanks and praise
- 2 Peter 3:9
- Urgency to share Gospel
- Lifestyle of Repentance

**Tribulation** 



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# MYSTERY #3 - The Mystery of Godliness

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This is Jesus, the Son of God becoming the Son of Man The MYSTERY of the virgin birth

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1 John 4:3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

John 1:1, 14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.



#### God was manifested in the flesh!

Matthew 1:18, 20-21

18 Now the <u>birth of Jesus Christ</u> was as follows: After His mother <u>Mary</u> was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, <u>she was found with child of the Holy Spirit</u>. 20 ..., <u>for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit</u>. 21 <u>And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins</u>."



#### God was manifested in the flesh!

**Matthew 1:22-23** 

22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

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Luke 1:30, 32-35

30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." 34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

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#### **JUSTIFIED:**

declared or made righteous, accepted in the sight of God validated; confirmed; true; witnessed; evidenced

The Spirit → the Spirit of the Living God - JOHN 16:8

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#### At Baptism of the Lord Jesus

Luke 3:22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and <u>a voice came from heaven</u> which said, "You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased."

#### At the **Transfiguration** of the Lord Jesus

Matthew 17:5 While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

Just after Jesus entered Jerusalem - John 12:28 Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."

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#### Luke 2:10-13

- 10 Then the <u>angel</u> said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.

  11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12 And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying ...
- Hebrews 1:6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the angels of God worship Him."
- Luke 22:43 Then an <u>angel</u> appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.

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#### At Mars Hill - Acts 17:22-23++

22 Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; 23 for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

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#### Believed on in the world

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

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#### Acts 1:9, 11

9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.



11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same <u>Jesus</u>, who was <u>taken up from you into heaven</u>, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

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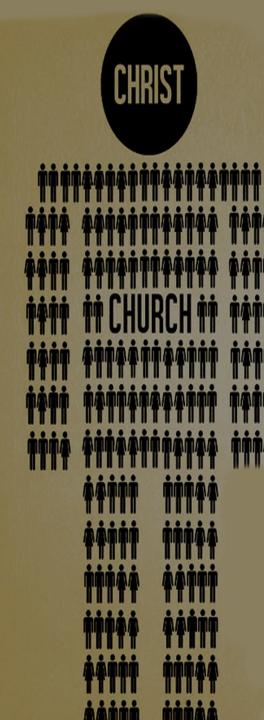


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MYSTERY #4 - The Mystery of the Church as the Body and Bride of Christ

**Ephesians 5:32** 

This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.



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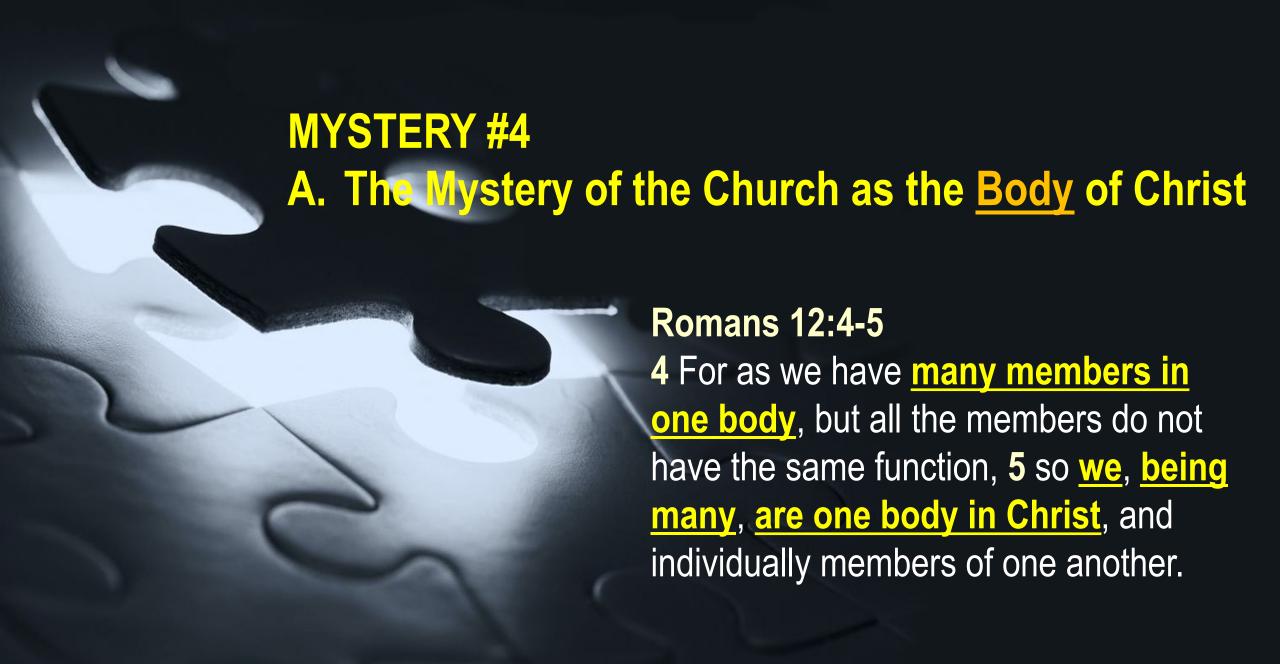
A. The Mystery of the Church as the **Body** of Christ

## **Ephesians 1:18, 22-23**

18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are

## the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints ...

22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the <u>church</u>, 23 which is <u>His body</u>, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

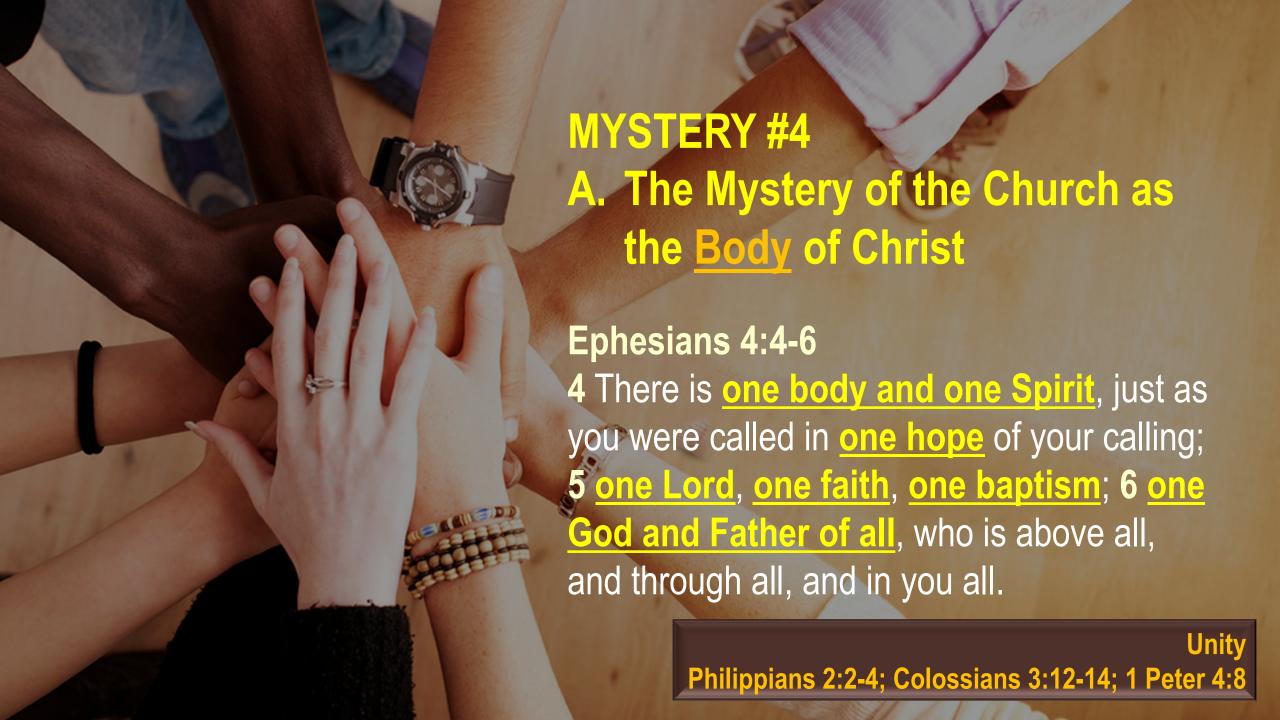




## 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 27

12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.



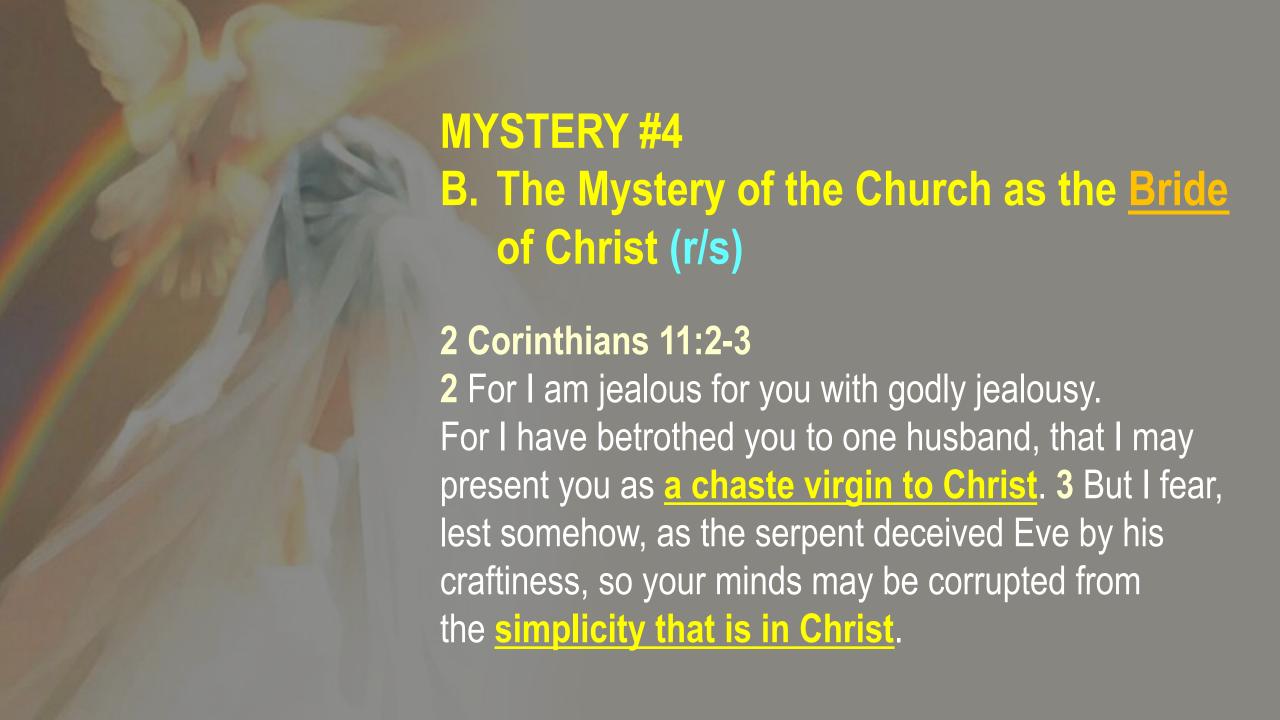
# MYSTERY #4 A. The Mystery of the Church as the <u>Body</u> of Christ

#### Ephesians 4:11-16

11 And He Himself gave some to be <u>apostles</u>, <u>some prophets</u>, <u>some evangelists</u>, <u>and</u> <u>some pastors and teachers</u>, 12 for the <u>equipping of the saints for the work of ministry</u>,

for the <u>edifying of the body of Christ</u>, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to <u>a perfect man</u>, to the <u>measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ</u>; 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may <u>grow up in all things into</u>

Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.



# MYSTERY #4 B. The Mystery of the Church as the Bride of Christ (r/s)

## Ephesians 5:21-32

- .... 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.
- 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."
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**Colossians 1:26-27** 

26 the <u>mystery</u> which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but <u>now has been revealed to His saints</u>. 27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of <u>the glory of this mystery</u> among the Gentiles: <u>which is Christ in you</u>, <u>the hope of glory</u>.

God's Dwelling Place moved from Tabernacle (of Moses) to Temple to NT Believers

#### Colossians 2:2-3

2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the **mystery** of **God**, **both of the Father** and **of Christ**, 3 in **whom** are hidden all the **treasures** of **wisdom** and **knowledge**.



A. Christ in the believer.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

I Ams; John 1:14; Revelation 1:18

B. Father-God also in the believer.

John 14:23 Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

Exodus 34:6-7; Jeremiah 9:24; James 1:17; Romans 8:28, 32

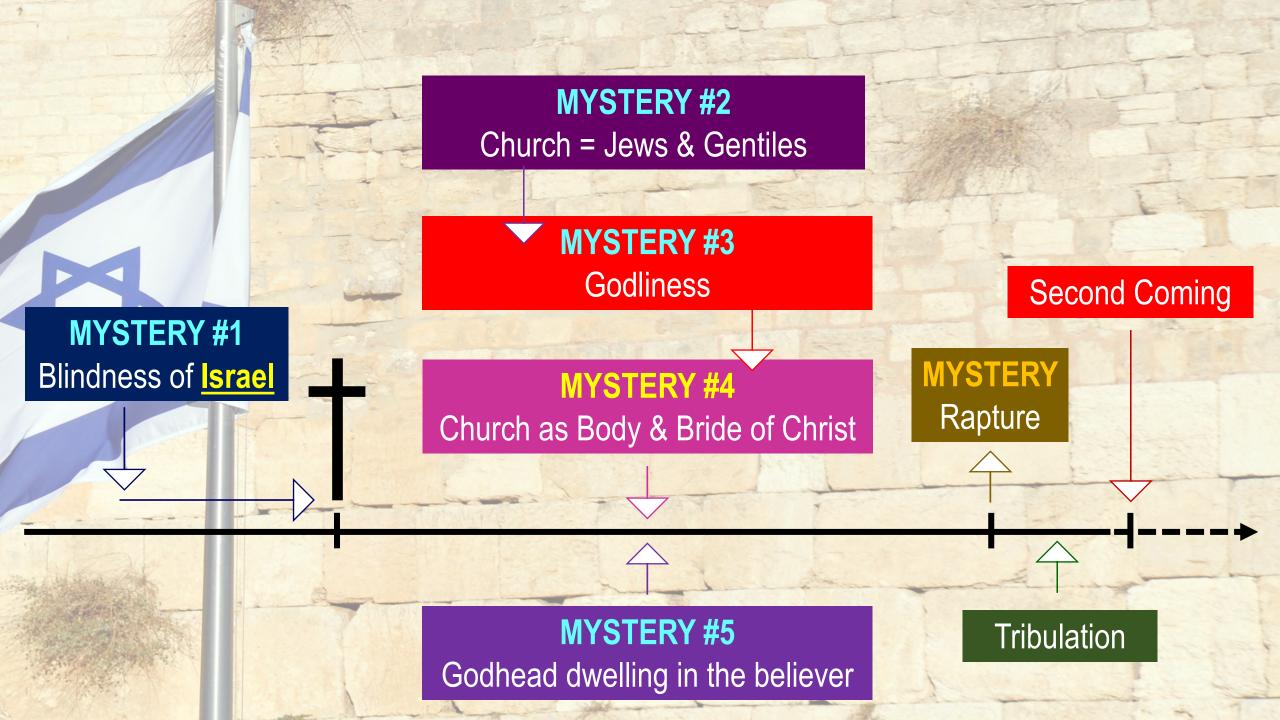
C. The Holy Spirit in the believer after Pentecost.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

John 14-16; 2 Timothy 1:7; Isaiah 11:2

- C. The **Holy Spirit** in the believer after Pentecost.
  - The \*Blood of Jesus covers the believer perfectly cf OT.
  - That's why the Holy Spirit can dwell <u>in</u> the NT believer but <u>not</u> in the OT because the <u>blood covering</u> of animal sacrifices were <u>temporary</u>.
  - The Holy Spirit is the Anointing in the believer.
  - This is the <u>Presence</u> of God <u>in</u> the believer.
  - The Presence of God <u>never</u> leaves the believer.
  - The Anointing within the believer is <u>permanent forever</u>.



## **BOTTOM-LINE: MYSTERY of**

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Goodness-Exodus 33:18-19; Psalm 16:11; 23:6

The Story of Nightbirde
Jane Marczewski

**VIDEO** 



## The Story of Nightbirde - Jane Marczewski

Jane Marczewski, a young woman from Ohio who has had three bouts of cancer - in her lungs, spine and liver - barely before the age of 30. Doctors say she has a 2% chance of survival, or six months to live.

"I am still begging, bargaining, demanding, disappearing. And I guess that means I have all the more reason to say thank you, because God is drawing near to me."

"2% of survival isn't 0%. 2% is something and I wish people knew how amazing it is."

God doesn't spare me of thirst, but He brings water.



"I had the same dream three nights in a row. And in my dreams, I woke up and there were birds singing outside my windows in the dark," she said.

On the third night, she woke up to find her dream had come true — there were indeed birds singing outside her window at 3 am!

"The birds were singing as if it was morning but there was really no sign of the light yet," Marczewski recalled.

"And I wanted to embody that — being somebody that could sing through a dark time because I was so full of hope and assurance that there would be a morning."

## **BOTTOM-LINE - Christ in you, the Hope of Glory!**

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy (strength) and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.