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The Lord slowly unwraps His great secret package, from the Garden of Eden to the gardens of Gethsemane and Calvary – from the first promise of the Seed of the woman to Christ crucified and risen. He reveals many things about the package and its contents in the Old Testament but finally the package is opened by the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection of God's Great Secret, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord had another wonderful secret package which He presented to the Apostle Paul. This package contained the wonderful truths of the Church which is the Body of Christ. In Matthew, Mark, Luke and John the first package is fully opened and revealed. In the inspired writing of Paul the second package is fully opened with the revelation of the dispensation of the Mystery.

The Word of God tells us of the "mystery of God" and the "mystery of Christ." These are our two packages of wisdom and truth. The "mystery of God" is Christ while the "mystery of Christ" is the Church, His Body. The first was a prophesied mystery, the second was a hidden mystery until committed to Paul ...

"Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the **mystery** (secret) **of Christ**, for which I am also in bonds" (Colossians 4:3). According to Ephesians 3:1-6 Paul was in bonds because he was preaching the truth of the One Body, proclaiming that Gentiles were joint heirs and joint partakers of Christ. Therefore the "mystery of Christ" is the church even as the "mystery of Christ" is CHRIST HIMSELF.

No one can be saved without a knowledge of the *secret of God* because in Christ, and in Christ alone is Life. Unfortunately many Christians know little or nothing of the *secret of Christ*. They do not understand their position in Christ as members of His Body and their blessings in the heavenlies in Christ ...

We share with all believers the glories of the secret of God which is Christ. We are thankful for all who proclaim Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Paul not only preached the Gospel of God which was promised afore by His prophets in the Holy Scriptures (Romans 1:1-2), but in order for the believer to be established in his faith he said, "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" (Romans 16:25).

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