

Activating Our Position in Christ

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

The Mysterious Gospel of God

We began our study of First Corinthians by looking at the overall focus of the Letter...

We saw where there were several problems in the church that were causing serious issues...

ONE THING

The Mysterious Gospel of God can only be EXPRESSED and EXPERIENCED through divine REVELATION and DEMONSTRATION!

1 Corinthians 2:1–5 (ESV) — 1 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, 4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

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μυστήριον τοῦ θεοῦ - (Mustarion tou Theou)

(Mystery of God)

The content of that which has not been known before but which has been revealed to an in-group or restricted constituency—‘secret, mystery.’

Same word is used FIVE other times in 1 Corinthians...

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

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

Matthew 13:11 (ESV) — 11 And he answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

Romans 16:25 (ESV) — 25 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

Galatians 1:11–12 (ESV) — 11 For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man’s gospel. 12 For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

1. The MYSTERY of the Gospel

2. The MISTAKES against the Gospel

1 Corinthians 2:1 (ESV) — And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom.

Acts 17:16–21 (ESV) — 16 Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. 18 Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbling wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. 19 And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? 20 For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” 21 Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

Acts 17:32–34 (ESV) — 32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked. But others said, “We will hear you again about this.” 33 So Paul went out from their midst. 34 But some men joined him and believed, among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

Acts 18:1 (ESV) — 1 After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth.

2 Peter 2:1 (ESV) — 1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

2 Corinthians 11:4 (ESV) — 4 For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

The Mysterious Gospel of God can only be expressed and experienced through divine revelation and demonstration!

1. The MYSTERY of the Gospel

2. The MISTAKES against the Gospel

3. The MAGNITUDE of the Gospel

1 Corinthians 2:2-3 (ESV) — For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling

The Seriousness of the call of the Gospel...

Hebrews 13:17 (ESV) — Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those

who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV) — For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

The Focus of the Gospel...

Jesus – The Purpose of God!

The name Jesus means, “Yahweh is salvation”

Galatians 4:4–5 (ESV) — But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Christ – The Promise of God!

Christ is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word, “Messiah”

Hebrews 10:5–7 (ESV) — Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’ ”

Him Crucified – The Provision of God!

Jesus is the Sacrificial Lamb of God!

Jesus is the Passover Lamb of God!

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV) — For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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4. The MARKINGS of the Gospel

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The KEY WORD/PHRASE is “in demonstration of the Spirit and of power”

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Demonstration is defined as the means by which one knows that something is a fact—‘proof, evidence, verification, indication.’

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Romans 15:19 (NLT) — They were convinced by the power of miraculous signs and wonders and by the power of God's Spirit. In this way, I have fully presented the Good News of Christ from Jerusalem all the way to Illyricum.

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