

LIFE, in the Kingdom of God, 3

Part 3 of 4, Chapter 4 in FOR HIS GLORY

And Then - -

As we diligently pursue Christ, the interests and appetites of the flesh will succumb to those of the Spirit. We will come to hate evil ([Rom. 12:9](#)) because it creates distance in our intimacy with God, more than out of fear of being punished for being “bad.”

And we will determine if we have had a “good day” or a “bad day” by how well we have walked by the Spirit rather than by how our fleshly expectations have been met.

By Faith

This Life of the Kingdom of God is surreal in a certain way. In fact, it is frequently called a mystery.

In [Col. 1:26-27](#), Paul calls it “the mystery that has been hidden from the ages and from the generations, but now has been revealed to his saints, to whom God desired to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Oh - I love it!

COLOSSIANS 1:26-28

26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: 28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Our English word “mystery,” from the Greek *mustérion* ([Strong's 3466](#)), is used 28 times in the New Testament. The prophets of old knew that something better than their system of sacrifices was coming and they longed to see it ([Mt. 13:17](#)), but they couldn't imagine what it could be.

Many err today by trying to understand it intellectually and defining it theologically, thus the powerless religion of our day. Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you concealed these things from the wise and discerning and revealed them to little children” ([Mt. 11:25](#)).

The Life of the Kingdom is only for those who believe in Jesus like a child and invite Him to indwell them and rule their life.

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