

Monday 1/11*Related Verses***Matt. 28:20**

20 Teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you all the days until the consummation of the age.

Rev. 10:7

7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel when he is about to trumpet, then the mystery of God is finished, as He has announced the good news to His own slaves the prophets.

1 Tim. 3:15-16

15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.

16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

Col. 1:26-27

26 The mystery which has been hidden from the ages and from the generations but now has been manifested to His saints;

27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,

Eph. 5:32

32 This mystery is great, but I speak with regard to Christ and the church.

Eph. 6:19

19 And for me, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known in boldness the mystery of the gospel,

Suggested Reading

The Greek phrase [for the term *the end of the age*] can also be translated “the completion of the age” or “the consummation of the age.” The end of the age denotes the three and a half years of the great tribulation that will terminate this age. Therefore, the end (consummation) of the age is not the close of the age, but the very last period of the age.

This term “the consummation of the age” is found in the last verse of Matthew (28:20). Because we hope to be raptured, we expect the Lord to be with us until the end of this age, not until the close of the age. At the close of the age, the Lord will descend to the earth and place His feet on the Mount of Olives. Before this takes place, there will be a period of time which the Bible calls the end of the age, a period of time which will last three and a half years. (*Life-study of Matthew*, pp. 721-722)

When the seventh angel is about to trumpet, the mystery of God will be finished [Rev. 10:7]. In the dispensation from Adam to Moses, and from Moses to Christ, everything was unveiled, manifested, and there was no mystery. It will be the same in the dispensation of the millennial kingdom and in the new heaven and the new earth—everything will be unveiled and there will be no more mystery. But in the dispensation from Christ to the millennial kingdom, everything is a mystery. The incarnation of Christ, as the beginning of this dispensation of mystery, is a mystery (1 Tim. 3:16). Christ Himself (Col. 2:2), the church (Eph. 3:4-6), the kingdom of the heavens (Matt. 13:11), the gospel (Eph. 6:19), the indwelling of Christ (Col. 1:26-27), and the coming resurrection and transfiguration of the saints as the ending of this dispensation of mystery (1 Cor. 15:51-52) are all mysteries which were hidden in times of the ages (Rom. 16:25; Eph. 3:5; Col. 1:26). All these mysteries will be over, completed, and finished at the trumpeting of the seventh trumpet. At the trumpeting of the seventh trumpet, not only God’s judgment of wrath upon the earth, but also “the mystery of God also is finished” [Rev. 10:7].

Today, the indwelling Christ and the church are a mystery....When we say, “Praise the Lord! We have Christ in us,” people may say, “Show us.” To this, we can only reply, “I cannot show you, but I know that Christ is in me.” Christ’s dwelling in us is a mystery. When non-Christians receive too much money in change from a cashier in a restaurant, they are pleased and consider it a bargain. But when we receive extra change, we return it. This is mysterious to the cashier. The unbelievers cannot understand what kind of people we are....Although today is a time of mystery, when the seventh trumpet is sounded, the mystery will be over. At the trumpeting of the seventh

trumpet, Christ will be manifested and the whole earth will recognize Him. Then the cashiers will know why we, the mysterious ones, returned the extra change. Perhaps they will say, “We thought they were foolish, but now we understand.” Although they cannot understand this mystery today, one day they will understand it. (*Life-study of Revelation*, pp. 311-312)

The two comings of Christ become the beginning and the end of this age of mystery. During this age of mystery, everything that God does is a mystery. For example, the Lord’s incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, becoming the Spirit, and entering into the believers are all mysteries. Furthermore, redemption, forgiveness, and regeneration also are mysteries. Not only is Christ a mystery; even all of us are mysteries. (*CWWL*, 1990, vol. 3, “The Vision of the Divine Dispensing and Guidelines for the Practice of the New Way,” pp. 289-290)

Further Reading: *HWMR The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age, and the Coming of the Lord - Week 1, Day 1*

Corporate Reading of “The Mystery of Christ” Chapter 5 – Sections: *The Protection, Limitation, And Ministry Of The Body; The Protection Of The Body*

Tuesday 1/12*Related Verses***Col. 2:2, 9**

2 That their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love and unto all the riches of the full assurance of understanding, unto the full knowledge of the mystery of God, Christ,

9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily,
Rom. 16:25-26

25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel, that is, the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which has been kept in silence in the times of the ages

26 But has now been manifested, and through the prophetic writings, according to the command of the eternal God, has been made known to all the Gentiles for the obedience of faith;

1 Cor. 15:51-52, 55, 57

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed.

55 Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

57 But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matt. 13:11

11 And He answered and said to them, Because to you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of the heavens, but to them it has not been given.

Suggested Reading

If you had the universe without God, the universe would be empty....If there were no God in this universe, we would all have to weep for its emptiness. There would be a big container but no content. The planets are here because of God. The flowers are so beautiful because of God. The animals are so wonderful because of God. Human beings are here because of God. God is the answer. The atheists may say that this is altogether superstitious and nonsensical. However, we know why there are the heavens and the earth. All the flowers, grains, animals, and birds exist because of God. There is a universe because of God. This is not superstition. (*CWWL, 1977*, vol. 2, “The Two Great Mysteries in God’s Economy,” p. 225)

We know that the mystery of the universe is God. We know the mystery of God’s creation. We know the mystery of human life, and we know the mystery of the Bible. However, this mystery is still a mystery today even to so many Christians.... The book of Romans begins in chapter 1 with fallen sinners, even a fallen people, and goes on to chapter 12 where they have become the Body of Christ. The book of Ephesians is different. It begins with God in eternity....[Ephesians] has such a term—the *eternal purpose* (3:11). In Greek this term means “the purpose of the ages.” The purpose of the ages was a mystery until the apostles were raised up. God opened His own heart to show His apostles the mystery hidden within Him.

We must then ask, what is God’s mystery? Where is God? The Jews and Muslims all believe in God....There is only one God. The Jews believe in the Old Testament, and the Muslims believe in the Koran, which is an imitation of the Old Testament. They all believe in the unique God, but they do not know that this God is a mystery. Neither do they know that this mystery of God is Christ (Col. 2:2).

The divine mystery is first the mystery of God and second the mystery of Christ. We need to read, study, and pray over Colossians and Ephesians, for they unveil to us the mystery of God, Christ. The Jews have God in name, but they do not have God in reality. They have God in a mystery. They do not have God in reality, because they do not know the mystery of God. The mystery of God is Christ! If you do not know God and if you have not met God, just come to Christ, because God is embodied in Christ. All the fullness of the Godhead dwells bodily in this Christ (Col. 2:9). If you do not believe in Christ, you miss God. Without Christ, although you may say that you believe in God, you believe only in terms. You believe God as a mystery. You could never realize God. You could never touch God, get God, or get into God except through Christ. The Muslims and Jews have God without Christ, but eventually they have nothing. The very God is in Christ. If you do not have Christ, you do not have God. Christ is wonderful because He is the mystery, the answer, the definition, the embodiment, and the reality of God. He is nothing less than God, but He is God with something more. Christ is God-plus....He was a little man who came from a despised region called Galilee, yet this man is the mystery of God. Outside of Him and without Him you could never see God. Whether you believe it or not, He is God. He is just God! In the whole universe God is in Christ. Where Christ is, there is God. Apart from Christ, you could never find God. (*CWWL, 1977*, vol. 2, “The Two Great Mysteries in God’s Economy,” pp. 225-226)

Further Reading: *HWMR The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age, and the Coming of the Lord - Week 1, Day 2*

Corporate Reading of “The Mystery of Christ” Chapter 5 – Sections: The Limitation Of The Body; The Ministry Of The Body (paragraph 1)

Wednesday 1/13**Related Verses****Eph. 3:4-6**

4 By which, in reading it, you can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ,

5 Which in other generations was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in spirit,

6 That in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the Body and fellow partakers of the promise through the gospel,

1 Cor. 12:12-13, 27

12 For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

13 For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

Matt. 16:18

18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Rom. 12:4-5

4 For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function,

5 So we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Suggested Reading

Christ is the mystery of God....In history there has never been a name so wonderful as Jesus Christ. Whether they are for Him or not for Him, today all the nations use the calendar of Jesus. This is the year of Jesus. Every year is the year of the chronicle of Christ, of that little man....There is no name bigger than the name of Jesus. Yet where is He?... He is not only in the heavens but right on this earth....The mystery of the universe is God, the mystery of God is Christ, and the mystery of Christ is the church (Eph. 3:4-11). (*CWWL, 1977*, vol. 2, “The Two Great Mysteries in God’s Economy,” pp. 226-227)

Even to say that the church is the gathering of God's called people is too superficial. The church is the Body of Christ. The church is an organism, not an organization....The church is the mystery of Christ. In other words, the church is just Christ in a mysterious way. The church is Christ (1 Cor. 12:12). So, when we say that we are the Christ, this is not too much. Hallelujah, we are the Christ here! On one hand, we are wonderful persons, and on the other hand, we are Christ in a mysterious way. Within us we have a mysterious part, and that part is Christ. Christ today is right here. (*CWWL*, 1977, vol. 2, "The Two Great Mysteries in God's Economy," p. 227)

According to Ephesians 3:4 the church has a particular title—the mystery of Christ. God is a mystery. He is real, living, and almighty, but invisible. No one has ever seen God (John 1:18a), and therefore God is a mystery. This mysterious God is embodied in Christ; hence, Christ is the mystery of God (Col. 2:2). In Ephesians 3:4 Paul used the expression *the mystery of Christ* to explain the church as the Body of Christ in God's eternal economy, indicating that the church is the mystery of Christ.

The believers have Christ, the mystery of God, dwelling in them (Col. 1:27), but worldly people do not realize that He is in the believers. To them, this is a mystery. The all-inclusive Christ is the mystery of the mysterious God. Such a Christ as the mystery of God produces a mysterious Body, the church (Eph. 1:22b-23). Thus, the church is the continuation of the mystery, which is Christ. Mystery surely produces mystery. Christ, who is the mystery of God, brings forth the church, the mystery of Christ. The church, the mystery within a mystery, is the mystery in God's economy.

The mystery of Christ—the church—"in other generations was not made known to the sons of men" (v. 5). The church, the Body of Christ, was hidden in the Old Testament age....Noah received God's command to build the ark, but he did not know of the building up of the church....Moses received the revelation to build the tabernacle, but, not knowing the mystery of the church, he did not know how to build the church. This mystery was also hidden from Samuel, David, and Solomon, who knew how to build the temple but not how to build the Body of Christ.

The church as the mystery of Christ was not made known to the sons of men in other generations. In the New Testament age it was revealed first by Christ in the Gospels and then by the Holy Spirit in the Epistles to the apostles and prophets. Paul in Ephesians 3:5 says that this mystery "has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in spirit." This mystery, which was hidden throughout the ages in God, who created all things, and was hidden from the Old Testament saints, has been revealed in the New Testament. (*Truth Lessons—Level Four*, vol. 1, pp. 136-138)

Further Reading: *HWMR The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age, and the Coming of the Lord - Week 1, Day 3*

Corporate Reading of "The Mystery of Christ"
Chapter 5 – Sections: The Ministry Of The Body
(*paragraphs 2-5*)

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Related Verses

Eph. 3:8-9, 3, 10-11

8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

9 And to enlighten all that they may see what the economy of the mystery is, which throughout the ages has been hidden in God, who created all things,

3 That by revelation the mystery was made known to me, as I have written previously in brief,

10 In order that now to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies the multifarious wisdom of God might be made known through the church,

11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Eph. 1:4

4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

Suggested Reading

Paul says that this mystery was hidden in God who created all things [Eph. 3:9]. He mentions the creation because this mystery is an answer to God's

creation....This mystery is the explanation of God's creation, and even more, [it] is an answer to all the ages. What was the reason for all the ages? Why was there an Adam, Abel, Enosh, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Solomon, and all the prophets? Why was Israel afterward captured to Babylon, and why was there a recovery? The reason was a mystery. When Saul of Tarsus met the Lord on the way to Damascus, the Lord asked him a little question, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" (Acts 9:4). Paul was captured, and from that day onward the Lord "played a video" [of the mystery] to Paul. Soon afterward Paul also "played the video" in every place. First, he enlightened those around the Mediterranean Sea concerning the mystery that throughout the ages had been hidden in God, who created all things. Then all of us who read the New Testament today have also been enlightened, and now we all see the mystery....Now the more we "watch this video," the more we are enlightened and enabled to enlighten others. (*CWWL*, 1987, vol. 1, "Bearing Remaining Fruit," pp. 413, 416)

[A] great matter in Ephesians 3 is the economy of the mystery in verse 9. An economy is a dispensing, a distribution of riches. The apostle Paul was doing a particular kind of work—he was distributing Christ in His riches into people. As genuine Christians, we can testify that since the day we first called on the name of the Lord, something mysterious has been added into our being; Christ has been dispensed into us. The mystery of Christ is Christ experienced in all His riches. To experience the riches of Christ means that something of Christ, some element of His riches, has been dispensed into us....The more we experience Christ, the more He is dispensed into us. The dispensing of His riches into us is the economy of the mystery. Something eternal, mysterious, and incomprehensible yet sweet, rich, and high has been dispensed into our being and makes us joyful, living, powerful, loving, and lovable. This is the enjoyment of the riches of Christ.

Every believer has Christ within. Once we receive Christ, we can never send Him away. We may sometimes try to reject Him, but we cannot get rid of Him. We may even say, "Lord, I do not love You," but He will say, "I

still love you.” The more we talk to the Lord, even in this way, the more of Christ we will receive. Instead of resisting the Lord, we should simply love Him. Loving the Lord and being loved by Him is the reason that Christians may appear to be crazy to others. Saints often travel from a long distance to come to church conferences. At the conferences we only attend meetings. We do not come for entertainment, yet we are happy. Unbelievers cannot understand our joy and may think that we are superstitious or misled, but the real reason is that we have the dispensing of the mystery.

Saints from many different nations meet together in the church life....When we see the other saints, regardless of their nationality, we spontaneously love them. The reason and motive for our mutual love is...that something within each of us corresponds to something within the other saints. Even if we cannot understand one another’s language, we love one another because we experience the dispensing of the mystery.

The reason for this love is the dispensing of the mystery. (*CWWL, 1981*, vol. 1, “Crucial Aspects of the Experience of Christ Revealed in Paul’s Epistles,” pp. 426-427)

Further Reading: *HWMR The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age, and the Coming of the Lord - Week 1, Day 4*

Corporate Reading of “The Mystery of Christ” Chapter 6 – Sections: *Authority In The Body; The Authority Of The Body Resting In The Head; The Members’ Place Being To Submit To The Authority Of The Head*

Friday 1/15

Related Verses

Eph. 3:17

17 That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Heb. 11:6

6 But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Mark 11:22

22 And Jesus answered and said to them, Have faith in God.

Rom. 1:16-17

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes, both to Jew first and to Greek.

17 For the righteousness of God is revealed in it out of faith to faith, as it is written, "But the righteous shall have life and live by faith."

Rom. 10:17

17 So faith comes out of hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

2 Cor. 4:13

13 And having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak,

Gal. 2:20

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

1 Tim. 1:4

4 Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

1 Tim. 3:9

9 Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.

Heb. 10:38

38 But My righteous one shall live by faith; and if he shrinks back, My soul does not delight in him."

Suggested Reading

The things of the Spirit are apprehended by faith....We know that Christ is making His home in our hearts through faith. Likewise, through faith we realize that God has an economy, and without faith we cannot realize God’s economy [cf. 1 Tim. 1:4]. God’s requirement for us related to everything in the New Testament is faith. If we do not believe, we cannot apprehend anything spiritual. We know there is a God, Christ, and the Spirit through faith. By faith we know that Christ is in the heavens and also in our spirit. By faith we know that the Bible is the Word of God, and by faith we know that we have been saved, regenerated,

and forgiven by God. By faith we are sanctified, transformed, renewed, and eventually glorified. By faith we also are overcomers. Everything spiritual is apprehended by faith. (*CWWL, 1990*, vol. 2, “Messages to the Trainees in Fall 1990,” pp. 490-491)

Anything that is apprehended by faith is a mystery. For this reason the present age is the age of faith and the age of mystery. Furthermore, anything that is a mystery is of grace.... God is mysterious, and the Spirit of God is mysterious. Christ in us is mysterious, and our salvation, regeneration, justification, and sanctification are mysterious. The Body of Christ is also a mystery. It is by faith that we know that the church is not merely a gathering or a congregation but the Body of Christ, and it is by faith that we know that we are brothers....We should not trust in our feelings concerning the divine Spirit and the human spirit. According to our feelings, there may be no divine Spirit and no human spirit. When we come to the matter of the two spirits, we must be in faith. Paul declares, “Having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written, ‘I believed, therefore I spoke,’ we also believe, therefore we also speak” (2 Cor. 4:13). Paul spoke not in the spirit of knowledge, feeling, or sensation but in the spirit of faith.

Today God’s mysteries are known by faith. The age of mystery began at the time of the Lord’s incarnation, but when He appears again, the age of mystery will be over....Those who do not believe in Jesus today will see Him at that time. However, today everything spiritual is a mystery....Therefore, we must exercise our God-given faith. Every Christian has something within him called faith. We cannot explain it, but we have it. The more we believe in God, Christ, and the Bible, the happier we are. The more we believe that Christ is in us and is making His home in us, the happier we are and the more living we are....The more we believe that the divine Spirit indwells, works, moves, and operates in our spirit, the happier we are....We must have a complete faith and full assurance that we have a spirit and that the Spirit of God indwells us.

Faith always has an object. The object of our faith is the Word of God. By faith we know that there is a God because the Bible tells us that there is a God. Likewise, by faith we know that God has an economy because 1 Timothy 1:4 says so....It is a fact that the Spirit is in our

entire being. According to our experience and exercise, however, the Spirit sometimes seems to not even be in our spirit. We must be clear about what the Bible says. To depend solely upon our experience we do not need revelation, but to believe what the Bible says requires much revelation. This is why we all have to come to the Word often. The more we come to the Word and know what is in it, the more we spontaneously believe (cf. Rom. 10:17) . (*CWWL*, 1990, vol. 2, “Messages to the Trainees in Fall 1990,” pp. 491, 493)

Further Reading: *HWMR The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age, and the Coming of the Lord - Week 1, Day 5*

Corporate Reading of “The Mystery of Christ” Chapter 6 – Sections: Holding The Head

Saturday 1/16

Related Verses

Heb. 11:1

1 Now faith is the substantiation of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2 Cor. 4:18

18 Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Cor. 5:7

7 (For we walk by faith, not by appearance)-

Psa. 103:19

19 Jehovah has established His throne in the heavens, And His kingdom rules over all.

Dan. 4:26

26 And in that it was commanded that the stump of roots of the tree be left, your kingdom will be assured to you after you have come to know that the heavens do rule.

Eph. 2:8

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves; it is the gift of God;

Col. 1:15-16

15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of all creation,

16 Because in Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth, the visible and the invisible, whether

thrones or lordships or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through Him and unto Him.

1 Tim. 1:17

17 Now to the King of the ages, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Pet. 1:8

8 Whom having not seen, you love; into whom though not seeing Him at present, yet believing, you exult with joy that is unspeakable and full of glory,

Suggested Reading

In the whole universe there are two categories of things: the visible things and the invisible things (Col. 1:16). According to history and according to the real situation of the universe, the unseen things control the seen things. For instance, the visible part of our being, our body, is not the controlling factor of our being. Rather, the invisible part, the part that cannot be seen, is the controlling factor. We are controlled not by our body but by something within that is invisible yet real. Furthermore, our destiny, our future, is not according to the things that are seen but according to the unseen things. God is invisible (v. 15; 1 Tim. 1:17), and the entire universe is under His control (Psa. 103:19; Dan. 4:26). If we consider human history in light of the Bible, we will realize that all human history is controlled and directed not by visible things or by visible persons but by Someone who cannot be seen (Acts 17:26). (*CWWL*, 1975-1976, vol. 3, p. 89)

Only the Bible, the book of books, tells us of the unseen things....Those who are wise regard the invisible things, the things that are unseen and yet are revealed in the Bible (2 Cor. 4:18). The believers in Christ have never seen God, yet they believe in Him and love Him because the Bible reveals Him (1 Pet. 1:8). Likewise, we have never seen eternal life or our spirit, but we believe in these unseen things because the Bible reveals them to us.

The Christian life is a life not of seen things but of unseen things. Anything that belongs to the Christian life is visible. The degradation of the church is due to the fact that Christians have moved from the unseen things to the seen things, whereas the Lord's recovery is the recovery of His church from the seen things to the unseen things. When we care only for things that are seen, we are fallen.

But when we care for the living God by walking according to our mingled spirit (Rom. 8:4), both of which are unseen, we are being recovered to the normal Christian life and church life.

In order to regard the visible things, we do not need faith....To walk by faith means that we regard the invisible things. In the church life we are walking not by sight, by appearance, but by faith (2 Cor. 5:7). We know that we are saved through faith (Eph. 2:8). This faith causes us to experience the divine birth with the divine life. When we were regenerated, the divine life, something invisible to the natural senses, was imparted into us. As a result of this impartation of life, we became brothers and sisters in the Lord. Even though neither the divine birth nor the divine life can be seen, we have an ability within that is able to substantiate the divine life in one another. This substantiating ability that is able to sense the invisible divine life within us is faith (Heb. 11:1).

Faith is not according to our feeling. Faith is the divine element infused into our being by the Spirit through the word of God. When the divine element is infused into us through a vision received from the word of the Bible, from a printed message, or from our spirit, something will spontaneously rise up within us to believe whatever God says. This is faith.

We all need to learn to open ourselves to God, His word, His speaking, and His vision. Then His Spirit will put a seal upon His word and will transfuse the divine element into our being as our believing ability. This is faith, the substantiation of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. (*CWWL*, 1975-1976, vol. 3, pp. 90-91, 93-94)

Further Reading: *HWMR The Christian Life, the Church Life, the Consummation of the Age, and the Coming of the Lord - Week 1, Day 6*

Hymns, #818

1

Christ is the mystery of God;
God is invisible, unshown,
His image man hath never seen,
But Christ the Son hath made Him known.

2
Christ is the very Word of God,
He is God's explanation true;
God's full embodiment is He
And God's own image brings to view.

3
Image of God invisible,
Effulgence of God's glory fair;
God's fulness ever dwells in Him,
God's testimony He doth bear.

4
The Church the myst'ry is of Christ,
For He is now to man unshown;
No man on earth may see Him now,
But thru the Church He is made known.

5
The Church is Christ's expression full,
In her Christ dwelleth bodily;
She is His duplication true,
And man in her Himself may see.

6
The Church the image has of Christ,
She is His increase and His spread;
Christ's very self is found in her
The Body, she, to Christ the Head.

7
Thus, in the Son the Father is,
And now the Spirit is the Son;
The Spirit of the triune God
Is in the Church and with her one.

Lord's Day 1/17

Related Verses

Luke 18:8
8 I tell you that He will carry out their avenging quickly.
Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find
faith on the earth?

John 14:17
17 Even the Spirit of reality, whom the world cannot
receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him; but
you know Him, because He abides with you and shall be
in you.

Rom. 3:26
26 With a view to the demonstrating of His righteousness
in the present time, so that He might be righteous and the
One who justifies him who is of the faith of Jesus.

Rom. 8:24-25
24 For we were saved in hope. But a hope that is seen is
not hope, for who hopes for what he sees?
25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly await
it through endurance.

Gal. 2:16
16 And knowing that a man is not justified out of works of
law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, we also have
believed into Christ Jesus that we might be justified out of
faith in Christ and not out of the works of law, because out
of the works of law no flesh will be justified.

Gal. 6:10
10 So then, as we have the opportunity, let us do what is
good toward all, but especially toward those of the
household of the faith.

Heb. 10:35, 39
35 Do not cast away therefore your boldness, which has
great reward.

39 But we are not of those who shrink back to ruin but of
them who have faith to the gaining of the soul.

Heb. 11:27
27 By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king,
for he persevered as one seeing the unseen One.

Further Reading
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