

**“Living in the Truth of the Mystery: Jesus in Us” 11/23/08**

**Colossians 1:24-29**

**Studies in Colossians- “The Supremacy and Sufficiency of Jesus the Messiah”  
Mysteries? Alfred Hitchcock or Twilight zone**

**Mysteries in the NT- 1) 1 Cor 2:7; 2) Rom11:25; 3) 1 Cor 15:51; 4) Eph 1:9; 5) Eph 3:3-9; 5) 5:32; 6) 2 Thess 2:7; 7) 1 Tim 3:16; Col 2:2-9; 8) Col 1:26-27**

**GENERAL REVELATION VS SPECIAL REVELATION**

**POINT 1-** The IMPACT of the Mystery

- A. The impact of the mystery should bring us to be SERVANTS  
(Mark 10:45; Rom 7:6; Col 3:24; Heb 9:24; Rom 12:1-2)
- B. The impact of the mystery should bring us to joy in SUFFERING  
(Jam 1:2; Phil 1:29; 2 Tim 3:12; Rom 5:3-4; 2 Tim 2:10)
- C. The impact of the mystery should bring us to embrace STEWARDSHIP  
(1 Pet 4:10; Eph 3:7; 5:16; Matt 25:14-30; 1 Cor 4:1-2)

*Going Deeper* God wants you to be touched by His truth of Jesus in you! Are you serving? Rejoicing in suffering? Are you faithful?

**Macarthur Quote**

**POINT 2-** The CONTENT of the Mystery

- A. The content of the mystery has been given to the SAINTS  
(Matthew 13:10-18; 1 Cor 2:10; Ephesians 3:4-6)
- B. The content of the mystery given to the saints was God’s CHOICE  
(Matt 11:27; John 1:12; 6:44; Rom 9:16; Acts 16:14; 13:48; 1 Cor 2:14)
- C. The content of the mystery is that Jesus the Messiah dwells IN US  
(Is 53; 9:6; Ps 2:7; 2 Sam 7; Gen 14:19-20; Ps 110; 16:10; Ex 23:20)

*Going Deeper* God wants you to be thankful for the opening of your eyes!

**POINT 3-** The PROCLAMATION of the Mystery

- A. The proclamation of the mystery includes teaching and WARNING  
(Matt 3:7; Luke 12:5; Matt 7:21-23; Titus 1:16; Romans 15:14)
- B. The proclamation of the mystery includes STRIVING  
(Philippians 1:27; Hebrews 12:4; Romans 15:30-prayer)

*Going Deeper* God wants you to be living worthy of Jesus who lives in you!

**Trusting relationship; knowledge of God; Holy Living; evangelism; saturation**

**John MacArthur- “A Christian who has lost the joy of the ministry (in serving) does not have bad circumstances, but bad connections. You do not lose the joy of serving Christ unless your communion with Him breaks down.” Is your heart not in it anymore? WHY?**