

Colossians 1.26-2.5
The Mystery Hidden, Now Revealed

The Treasure of the Mystery (vv. 26-27)

1. Colossians 1.26-27 Parallels **Daniel 2.17-47**
 - a. God is the Holder of Mysteries Revealed
 - b. Daniel: Kingdom of God in Last Days
 - c. Colossians: King of the Last Days
 - d. **See Also Romans 16.25-27**
2. The Mystery is a Treasure **(1.27)**
 - a. In The Person of Christ
 - b. In The Work of God in Christ
 - c. In The Church
 - d. In The Eternal Blessings Found in Christ
3. The Mystery is Christ Indwelling Believers **(1.27)**
 - a. The Coming of the Messiah (Redemption)
 - b. The Gift of the Holy Spirit (Spirit of Christ)
4. The Mystery is Christ and All He Has and Is **(2.2-3)**
 - a. Full Assurance and Understanding of the Knowledge of the Mystery **(2.2)**
 - b. Wisdom and Knowledge **(This Parallels Proverbs 2.1-8)**
 - c. All Wisdom and Knowledge are Found in Christ
 - d. Spiritual Knowledge Outside Jesus is Useless **(See John 17.3)**
 - e. Not Worldly Wisdom, but Wisdom from God **(See 1 Corinthians 2.6-10)**
 - f. Wisdom from God is Mind of God (The Bible)

The Target of the Mystery (vv. 26-27)

1. The Saints of God **(See also Colossians 1.2; 3.12)**
2. Involves the Nations – The Gentiles
3. **See Genesis 12.1-3 and Isaiah 49.6**
4. **Colossians 1.26-27 Parallels Ephesians 3.1-6**
(Mystery of the Gentiles Being Grafted into Christ)

The Teacher and Trustee of the Mystery (vv. 28-2.5)

1. It is Christ We Proclaim! **(1.28)**

“We are not content to preach unless Jesus Himself is the theme. We do not set before you something about Christ, or something that belongs to Christ, nor something acquired by Christ, or somebody that has known Christ, nor some truth which extols Christ, but we preach Christ crucified. We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord.” – Charles Spurgeon

2. Proclamation Includes Encouragement:
The Unity of the Body in Love **(2.2)**
3. Proclamation Includes Admonition and Correction:
Warning and Teaching **(1.28)**
4. The Reason for Admonition: Keep Believers from the Temptation to Stray into False Belief **(2.4)**
5. *Who is Responsible for Encouraging and Admonishing?* ALL Believers **(3.16 and 2.6-7)**
6. The Goal of Proclamation/Warning/Teaching:
Present Every Saint Mature/Perfect in Christ **(1.28)**
 - a. Includes Gospel Driven Effort **(1.29-2.2)**
 - b. Great Human Effort BALANCED with the Enabling Grace of God **(1.29)**
7. Paul Knew God’s Power and Strength Within Him
 - a. Objection to His Absence Answered **(2.5a)**
 - b. Joy in the Colossians Sound Faith in the Face of False Teachers **(2.5b)**