

## Spiritual Goals Weeks 15-18

### Week 15:

**Colossians 2:8-23** Beware lest any man **spoil** you through philosophy and **vain** deceit, after the **tradition** of men, after the **rudiments** of the world, and not after Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him dwells all the **fullness** of the Godhead bodily. <sup>10</sup>And **ye are complete in him**, which is the head of all principality and power: <sup>11</sup>In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: <sup>12</sup>Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; <sup>14</sup>**Blotting out** the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; <sup>15</sup>And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, **triumphing** over them in it. <sup>16</sup>Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath *days*: <sup>17</sup>Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body *is* of Christ. <sup>18</sup>**Let no man beguile you of your reward** in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, <sup>19</sup>And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increases with the increase of God. <sup>20</sup>Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the **rudiments** of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, <sup>21</sup>(Touch not; taste not; handle not; <sup>22</sup>Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? <sup>23</sup>Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honor to the satisfying of the flesh.

**Goal: Be complete in Him ....Let no man beguile you of your reward**

**Ask: "What does this mean to you?"**

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### Definitions:

**G991** βλέπω blepō *blep'-o* A primary verb; to *look* at (literally or figuratively):—behold, **beware**, lie, look (on, to), perceive, regard, see, sight, take heed. Compare G3700.

**G4812** συλαγωγέω sulagōgeō *soo-lag-ogue-eh'-o* From the base of G4813 and (the reduplicated form of) G71; to *lead* away as *booty*, that is, (figuratively) **seduce**:—**spoil**.

**G2756** κενός kenos *ken-os'* Apparently a primary word; *empty* (literally or figuratively):—**empty, (in) vain**.

**G3862** παράδοσις paradosis *par-ad'-os-is* From G3860; *transmission*, that is, (concretely) a *precept*; specifically the Jewish *traditionary law*:—**ordinance, tradition**.

**G4747** στοιχείον stoiceion *stoy-khi'-on* Neuter of a presumed derivative of the base of G4748; something *orderly* in arrangement, that is, (by implication) a *serial*

(*basal, fundamental, initial*) constituent (literally), proposition (figuratively):—**element, principle, rudiment.**

**G4138** πλήρωμα *plērōma* *play'-ro-mah* From G4137; *repletion* or *completion*, that is, (subjectively) what *fills* (as contents, supplement, copiousness, multitude), or (objectively) what is *filled* (as container, performance, period):—which is put in **to fill up**, piece that filled up, fulfilling, **full, fulness.**

**G4137** πληρώω *plēroō* *play-ro'-o* From G4134; to *make replete*, that is, (literally) to *cram* (a net), *level up* (a hollow), or (figuratively) to *furnish* (or *imbue, diffuse, influence*), *satisfy, execute* (an office), *finish* (a period or task), *verify* (or *coincide* with a prediction), etc.:—accomplish, X after, (be) **complete**, end, expire, **fill (up)**, fulfil, (be, **make**) **full** (come), fully preach, perfect, supply.

**G1813** ἐξαλείφω *exaleiphō* *ex-al-i'-fo* From G1537 and G218; to *smear out*, that is, **obliterate** (*erase* tears, figuratively *pardon* sin):—**blot out, wipe away.**

**G2358** θριαμβεύω *thriambeuō* *three-am-byoo'-o* From a prolonged compound of the base of G2360 and a derivative of G680 (meaning a *noisy iambus*, sung in honor of Bacchus); to *make an acclamatory procession*, that is, (figuratively) to *conquer* or (by Hebraism) to **give victory:—(cause) to triumph** (over).

**G2603** καταβραβεύω *katabrabeuō* *kat-ab-rab-yoo'-o* From G2596 and G1018 (in its original sense); to *award the price against*, that is, (figuratively) to *defraud* (of salvation):—**beguile of reward.**

### **Key points:**

Because of Christ's sacrificial work we are complete in Him. As so, we need no other rituals or traditions invented by man to claim victory over principalities and powers as Christ already achieved that for us.

### **Conclusion:**

Don't be fooled or beguiled by men who would spoil us as are actions are empty and in vain!

## **Week 16:**

**Ephesians 6:18** Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; <sup>19</sup>And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may **open my mouth boldly**, to **make known the mystery** of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may **speak boldly**, as I ought to speak.

**Goal: Praying always and open my mouth boldly to make know the mystery**

**Ask: “What does this mean to you?”**

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## **Definitions:**

**G4336** προσεύχομαι *proseuchomai pros-yoo'-khom-ahēe* From G4314 and G2172; to *pray to God*, that is, *supplicate, worship*:—**pray** (X earnestly, for), **make prayer**.

**G3956** πᾶς *pas pas* Including all the forms of declension; apparently a primary word; *all, any, every, the whole*:—all (manner of, means) **alway** (-s), any (one), X daily, + ever, every (one, way), as many as, + no (-thing), X **thoroughly**, whatsoever, whole, whosoever.

**G1162** δέησις *deēsis deh'-ay-sis* From G1189; a *petition*:—**prayer, request, supplication**.

**G3954** παρρησία *parrhēsia par-rhay-see'-ah* From G3956 and a derivative of G4483; *all out spokenness*, that is, *frankness, bluntness, publicity*; by implication *assurance*:—**bold** (X -ly, -ness, -ness of speech), **confidence**, X **freely**, X **openly**, X **plainly** (-ness).

**G3466** μυστήριον *mustērion moos-tay'-ree-on* From a derivative of μύω *muō* (to *shut the mouth*); a *secret* or “mystery” (through the idea of *silence* imposed by *initiation* into religious rites):—mystery.

**G3955** παρρησιάζομαι *parrhēsiazomai par-hray-see-ad'-zom-ahēe* Middle voice from G3954; to *be frank* in utterance, or *confident* in spirit and demeanor:—be (wax) **bold**, (preach, speak) **boldly**.

**Key points:** Prayer is needed for those preaching the mystery and it needs to be constant! Speaking about and helping others see this mystery needs to be with boldness. No cowards will be confident speaking about this mystery which is why “Boldly” is mentioned twice for emphasis!

**Conclusion:** I have to ask myself if I am being bold or shying away from speaking about the Mystery and do I know the Mystery well enough to teach it to others that they may be enlightened!

## Week 17:

### Ephesians 3:3-11

<sup>3</sup>How that by revelation he made known unto me the **mystery**; (as I wrote afore in few words, <sup>4</sup>Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the **mystery** of Christ) <sup>5</sup>Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; <sup>6</sup>That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: <sup>7</sup>Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his **power**. <sup>8</sup>Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; <sup>9</sup>And to **make all men see** what *is* the fellowship of the **mystery**, which from the beginning of the world hath **been hid** in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: <sup>10</sup>To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, <sup>11</sup>According to the eternal **purpose** which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

**Goal: Make all men see the Mystery**

**Ask: “What does this mean to you?”**

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**G1411** δύναμις *dunamis doo'-nam-is* From G1410; *force* (literally or figuratively); specifically miraculous *power* (usually by implication a *miracle* itself):—ability, abundance, meaning, might (-ily, -y, -y deed), (worker of) miracle (-s), **power**, **strength**, violence, **mighty** (wonderful) work.

**G5461** φωτίζω *phōtizō fo-tid'-zo* From G5457; to *shed rays*, that is, to *shine* or (transitively) to *brighten* up (literally or figuratively):—**enlighten**, **illuminate**, (bring to, give) light, **make to see**.

**G614** ἀπόκρυφος *apokruphos ap-ok'-roo-fos* From G613; *secret*; by implication *treasured*:—**hid**, **kept secret**.

**G4286** πρόθεσις *prothesis proth'-es-is* From G4388; a *setting forth*, that is, (figuratively) *proposal* (*intention*); specifically the *show bread* (in the Temple) as *exposed* before God:—**purpose**, shew [-bread].

**Key points:** Paul again says he knows a secret and begins to lay out some aspects of this mystery which was hidden from the beginning of the world! So men haven't been shown this secret until Paul starts to reveal it.

### Conclusion:

If we know this mystery then we will understand the manifold wisdom of God and His purpose which He purposed in Christ!

## Week 18:

### Colossians 1:25-28

<sup>25</sup>Whereof I am made a **minister**, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; <sup>26</sup>*Even* the **mystery** which **hath been hid** from ages and from generations, but now is made **manifest** to his saints: <sup>27</sup>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: <sup>28</sup>Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man **perfect** in Christ Jesus:

**Goal: Make manifest (known) the riches of the Glory of the Mystery**

**Ask: “What does this mean to you?”**

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### Definitions:

**G1249** διάκονος diakonos *dee-ak'-on-os* Probably from διάκω diakō (obsolete, to *run* on errands; compare G1377); an *attendant*, that is, (generally) a *waiter* (at table or in other menial duties); specifically a Christian *teacher* and *pastor* (technically a *deacon* or *deaconess*):—deacon, **minister**, servant.

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**G5319** φανερόω phaneroō *fan-er-o'-o* From G5318; to *render apparent* (literally or figuratively):—appear, manifestly declare, (make) **manifest** (forth), shew (self).

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**G1484** ἔθνος ethnos *eth'-nos* Probably from G1486; a *race* (as of the same *habit*), that is, a *tribe*; specifically a *foreign* (*non-Jewish*) one (usually by implication *pagan*):—**Gentile**, heathen, nation, people.

**G5046** τέλειος teleios *tel'-i-os* From G5056; *complete* (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); neuter (as noun, with G3588) **completeness**:—**of full**

**Key points:** Paul is a minister to fulfil the Word of God which includes this Mystery which was hidden from generations and is Christ in you or among you. Knowing this we are perfect or complete.

**Conclusion:** If Christ is in you or among you then we have no need for a mediator as Israel was supposed to be a kingdom of priests and intercede for us and our sins. Christ has completed that process through His death and resurrection conquering death and as we have read previously we have no need for rituals or commandments of men. Christ is sufficient for us! We are complete!