

The Mystery of Godliness

1 Timothy 3:14-16

14. I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long;
15. but in case I am delayed, *I write* so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.
16. By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

4a)	<p><u>John 1:1, 14, 18</u> 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... 18 No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, He has explained <i>Him</i>.</p> <p><u>John 12:45</u> He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.</p> <p><u>John 14:9</u> Jesus said to him, "Have I been so long with you, and <i>yet</i> you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how <i>can</i> you say, 'Show us the Father'?"</p> <p><u>John 17:23</u> I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.</p>
4b)	<p><u>Matthew 12:28</u> But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.</p> <p><u>Romans 1:4</u> ... who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,</p> <p><u>John 16:7-11</u> 7. "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8. "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; 9. concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10. and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; 11. and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.</p>

1 Peter 1:10-12

10. As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that *would come* to you made careful searches and inquiries,
11. seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.
12. It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.

Isaiah 6:1-4

1. In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.
2. Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.
3. And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."
4. And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.

John 12:41

These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke of Him.

4c) **Philippians 2:5-8**

5. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
6. who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
7. but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.
8. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Hebrews 2:9

But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, *namely*, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

Ephesians 3:8-10

8. To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,
9. and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things;
10. so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places*.

1 Corinthians 4:9

For, I think, God has exhibited us apostles last of all, as men condemned to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, both to angels and to men.

4d)	<p><u>Romans 16:25-26</u> 25. Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, 26. but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith;</p> <p><u>Galatians 3:8</u> The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, <i>saying</i>, "All the nations will be blessed in you."</p> <p><u>Ephesians 3:3-8</u> 3. that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. 4. By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into 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 the Spirit; 6. <i>to be specific</i>, that the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, 7. of which I was made a minister, according to the gift of God's grace which was given to me according to the working of His power. 8. To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,</p> <p><u>Ephesians 2:14-16</u> 14. For He Himself is our peace, who made both <i>groups into</i> one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15. by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, <i>which is</i> the Law of commandments <i>contained in</i> ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, <i>thus</i> establishing peace, 16. and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.</p>
4e)	<p><u>John 17:21</u> ... that they may all be one; even as You, Father, <i>are</i> in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.</p> <p><u>1 Corinthians 14:24-25</u> 24. But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all; 25. the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you.</p>

Luke 24:50-53

50. And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.
51. While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.
52. And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
53. and were continually in the temple praising God.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

4f)

13. But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.
14. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.
15. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.
16. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
17. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.
18. Therefore comfort one another with these words.