

We are following a Bible study principle which is comparing spiritual with spiritual, to determine if the mystery of Romans 16 is the mystery as featured in Ephesians and Colossians. Thus far we have considered much which shows these two mysteries are not the same.

The mystery of Romans 16 fits perfectly with the structure of Romans and is defined when we consider Romans' structural and contextual guidelines. Here are just a few;

1. The Mystery of Romans 16 was to establish the elect remnant of prophesy. Roms.16:25, 9:23-27, 11:5-7 who were the called of Christ Jesus, 1:6.
2. The proclamation of the Mystery of Romans 16 was accompanied by supernatural gifts promised to Israel, Roms.16:25, 1:11 and 15:18-19.
3. The Mystery of Roms.16 was kept secret or silent since the world began but made plain by the Scriptures of the prophets, not Paul alone. Roms.16:25-26 and compare Roms.1:1-6.
4. The Mystery of Romans 16 was the preaching of Christ Jesus as the One prefigured in Adam, Roms.16:25, 5:14.
5. The Mystery if Romans 16 was to establish the prophetic remnant unto the obedience of faith, Roms.16:26, 1:5, 5:19, 6:16, 15:18.
6. The Mystery of Romans 16 is associated with a dispensational advantage held by the Jews, Roms.1:16-17, 2:9-10, 3:1-3, 11:18, and the prophetic inclusion of the Gentiles as counter provocation, Roms.10:19, Deut.32:21, and Roms.11:11, 13-14.
7. The Mystery of Romans 16 is inseparable from the hope of Israel which during Acts, was sustained by supernatural gifts. Roms.16:20, 15:3-13, where Paul quotes Ps.69 (God will save Zion) and Roms.15:8, the promises made to Israel's fathers. See also Roms.15:9 (Ps.18), 15:10 (Deut.32:43),.15:11 (Ps.117) and 15:12 (Is.11). The Holy Spirit provided the ability to sustain this hope at that time, see Roms.15:13 and 1Cor.1:4-8.

By comparison, we shall preface our examinations of The Mystery of Ephesians and Colossians by highlighting some of the structural and contextual elements which accompany it.

1. The Mystery of Ephesians and Colossians was to inform the saints who had crossed the Acts 28 boundary, of the new dispensation revealed through Paul alone.

[For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery;](#) Eph 3:1-3a

2. The Mystery of Ephesians was not accompanied by mighty signs and wonders. Eph.4:8-11 and see 1Tim.5:23 & 2Tim.4:20.
3. The Mystery of Ephesians and Colossians goes back before the foundation of the world and was never kept silent but hid in God. Neither is it made plain by the scriptures of the prophets. Eph.1:4-5, 3:8-9.
4. The Mystery of Ephesians and Colossians was the proclamation of Christ Jesus as the Head of a new called out company called the Church

which is His Body. Eph.1:22-23 and Col.1:18.

5. The post Acts Mystery of Ephesians and Colossians was not given to establish the remnant, but to reveal a completely new calling unknown to the prophets. Col.1:25-26 and 2Tim.1:9.

6. The Mystery of Ephesians and Colossians reveals a new dispensation in which the Jews and Gentiles are on equal footing dispensationally. The Jews have no advantage today, it is Christ among (all) nations. Eph.2:10-18 and Col.1:27, Christ among the Gentiles.

7. The hope associated with the Mystery of Ephesians and Colossians is a hope never before revealed in the OT, or the NT up until it was revealed to Paul post Acts 28. Paul prays the Ephesians would be granted by the Father, to know the hope of His calling. Eph.1:15-18, 2:4-10, Col.3:1-4. This hope was never declared in Romans.

May the God of our Lord Christ Jesus, the Father of glory, help us all in the growing understanding of The Mystery of Ephesians and Colossians.

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