

The MYSTERY OF CHRIST DEFINED:

SIX ASPECTS

1. A New Dispensation (Nature)

- a. It is a dispensation from God – [Col 1:25](#)
- b. It is a mystery, kept secret, hid – [Col 1:26](#), [1 Cor 2:7](#)
- c. It is not spoken in prophecy - [Rom 16:25](#)
- d. Prophetic fulfillment does not describe this dispensation
- e. Israel is fallen, through their fall... - [Romans 11:11](#)
- f. Blindness has happened - [Romans 11:25-28](#)

3. A New Gospel Message (Substance)

- a. A dispensation of the gospel – [1 Cor 9:16-17](#)
- b. Preaching of the cross gospel - [1 Cor 1:17-18](#), [23](#)
- c. But now, righteousness without the law - [Romans 3:21-22](#); [4:5,5:8](#)
- d. Strangers from covenants, not under law – [Rom 6:14](#), [Eph 2:12](#)
- e. Not any works, faith stands alone – [Titus 3:5](#), [Eph 2:8-9](#)
- f. Jesus and imputed righteousness – [2 Cor 5:21](#)

5. A New Ministry (Effect)

- a. We are ambassadors - [2 Cor 5:19-20](#)
- b. We are full grown sons – [Gal 4:3-5](#) not under the elements
- c. We don't have Sabbath days, holydays - [Col 2:16](#)
- d. We pray differently – [Rom 8:26](#), [Phil 4:6](#)
- e. We fight not people but spiritual powers – [Eph 6:11-12](#), [20](#)

2. A New Apostle (Source)

- a. It was from Christ to Paul – [Gal 1:1](#), [11-12](#)
- b. Preach among the heathen - [Gal 1:15-16](#)
- c. Apostle to the Gentiles - [Romans 11:11-13](#)
- d. I am appointed a teacher of the Gentiles - [2 Tim 1:11](#)
- e. Paul was the chief and a pattern - [1 Tim 1:15-16](#)

4. A New Means of Glory for God

- a. Israel was separated for God's glory - [Jer 13:11](#), [Isa 46:13](#)
- b. Glory of the mystery is Christ in Gentiles! – [Gal 6:14](#), [Eph 1:12,3:21](#), [Col 1:27](#)
- c. You complete in Christ – [*1 Corinthians 12:13](#); [*Rom 6:3-4](#), [Col 2:10](#)
- d. New man neither Jew nor Gentile – [Col 3:10-11](#)
- e. Joint members of one body... of Christ - [Ephesians 2:15-16](#), [3:5-6](#)

6. A New Destiny (Purpose)

- a. The purpose fulfilled in heavenly places - [Eph 1:9-10](#)
- b. We are set in heavenly places not on earth - [Ephesians 2:6-7](#)
- c. Our conversation in heaven - [Phil 3:20-21](#)
- d. We are to make God's wisdom known in heavenly places – [Eph 3:10-11](#)
- e. Sealed until the day of redemption – [Eph 4:30](#)
- f. Waiting the redemption of our bodies - [Romans 8:22-23](#)
- g. Appearing with Christ – [Col 3:4](#), [Titus 2:12](#), [1 Thess 4:13-17](#)