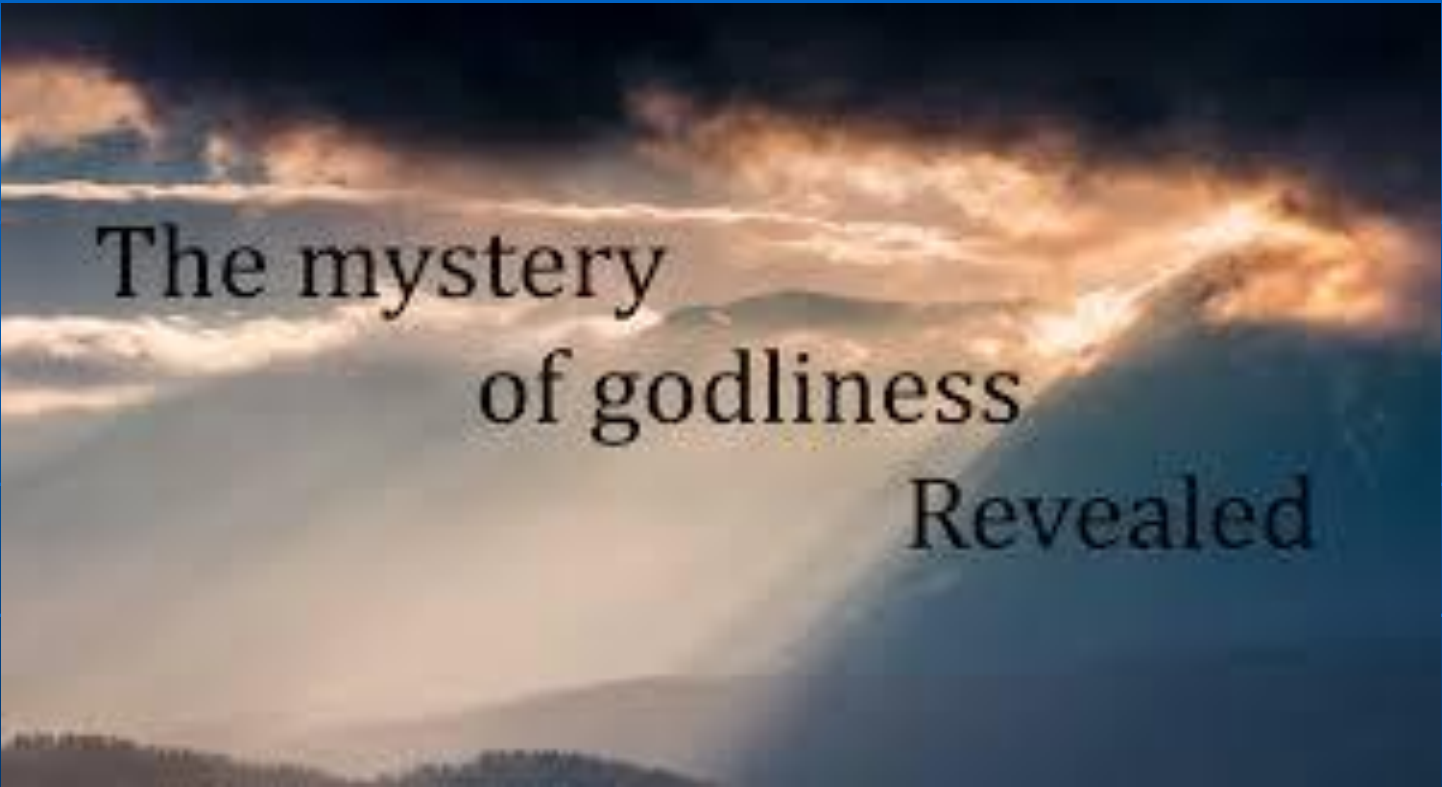


# **God Manifest In the Flesh**

## **2) The Incarnation and our Sanctification**



The mystery  
of godliness  
Revealed

***'Great is the mystery of godliness: God was  
manifested in the flesh'***

**(1 Tim.3:16)**

**The Bible explains many mysteries**

**Two of these are the mystery of godliness and the  
mystery of iniquity**

**If we can understand the mystery of iniquity we  
will understand the mystery of godliness**

## The mystery of iniquity

**Before the creation of the world Lucifer made  
a grab for equality with God**

**'I can be something, do something, have  
something without God. I don't need God; I  
can be God'**

**The Bible calls this, 'the lie'**

**He brought 'the lie' to earth and Adam  
believed it, and died**

**The mystery of iniquity is Satan behaving in  
man**

***'In the day that God created man, He made him  
in the likeness of God' (Gen.5:1)***

**Every human being, except Adam and Jesus, had its beginning by offspring or generation. In the womb of the mother a male seed penetrates a female egg resulting in the life of a human being**

**Adam was created directly by God and made in His image. He was given God's life but pulled the plug on it and was left with a different life form, i.e. sin, flesh**

***'And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his own image, and named him Seth' (Gen.5:3)***

**Every human is a product of this life form**

***'Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?'***  
**(Job 14:4)**

***'The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God. They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is none who does good, no, not one'***

**(Psa.14:2-3)**

**People commit sins because of sin**

***'Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me'***

**(Psa.51:5)**

**Satan, who originally worked in Adam through the lie,  
now works through every human through the flesh**

***'...you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others'***

**(Eph.2:2-3)**

***'You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it'***

**(Jn.8:44)**

## **The mystery of iniquity will reach its climax in the Antichrist**

***'Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God... For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way...'***



***'...And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness'***

**(2 Thes.2:4,5,7-12)**

## 1) Godliness begins with a different kind of birth

- ✓ **God created Adam's body from the dust of the earth then breathed into it the breath of life. That's what was needed again. A human life created by God, not generated by sinful flesh**
- ✓ **Jesus' human life, also, was not by natural generation, but by supernatural creation. He was conceived in the womb of Mary and received his human life directly from God**
- ✓ **The eternal Son was joined to the human body and nature created by the Holy Spirit from Mary. *'For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given'* (Isa.9:6). The human Jesus had a beginning; the eternal Son didn't. He was both the Son of God and the seed of a woman**

## 2) The new birth receives a different kind of life

- ✓ **We were born uninhabited by God, wholly inhabited by sin. Jesus was born uninhabited by sin, wholly inhabited by God. He did not possess a sin nature, but the divine nature. This is what we receive when we are born again**
- ✓ *'...His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust' (2 Pet.1:3-4)*

- ✓ **Paul said, 'The first man Adam became a living being. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit' (1 Cor.15:45). When we receive Christ into our lives we are born again, or born from above. We received life, along with this promise, 'As we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly man' (1 Cor.15:49)**
- ✓ **Here is the key to godliness. Jesus did not come into our lives to help us. He came to give us life. He came to live His life through us. Life is God's ability to reproduce Himself in you.**
- ✓ **This is the mystery of godliness**

### 3) The new life produces a different kind of living

- ✓ **Jesus is the only person to live in total obedience to the Father. Because He refused to be the cause of His own effect. *'Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner'* (Jn.5:19)**
- ✓ **His godliness was the direct result of God's life manifested through Him. *'No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him'* (Jn.1:18)**
- ✓ **This is the mystery of godliness. What does it take to be godly? God.**

- ✓ **Godliness is the life of God in the souls of mankind**
- ✓ **When the life was removed from Adam the light went out. No life, no light. No God, no image of God**
- ✓ **Godliness is God reproducing Himself in you and me. *'Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures'* (James 1:18)**
- ✓ **Adam's race no longer bears the image of the glory of God. But believers do! This is the basis and hope for godliness. *'Christ in you, the hope of glory'* (Col.1:27)**
- ✓ **Are you trying to live the Christian life? Then stop. Let Christ live His life through you. How? By faith**
- ✓ **As the mystery of iniquity reaches its climax through the Antichrist, so the mystery of godliness will reach its climax in us**