



# What's a 'mystery?'

- **mys·ter·y<sup>1</sup> 'mist(ə)rē/**
- **1. something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain. - "the mysteries of outer space"**
- **2. a novel, play, or movie dealing with a puzzling crime, . .**

# Good Answers to Life's Questions

- Better Questions / better answers
- Life is *not always easy!*
- Dealing with problems:  
*relationships, family, work,*  
*school, finances, health =*
- ***STRESS!!***

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Questions***

Series – Memory  
Verses:

**Col 2.6-7**

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Lesson 3:

Text: Colossians 2.1-15

***ARE YOU  
GROWING?***

- 1. The Mystery of the Ages***
- 2. Caution!***
- 3. Growing in Christ***

TEXT:

# Colossians

2.1-15

- For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, <sup>2</sup> that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

- <sup>4</sup> I say this in order that no one may delude you with plausible arguments. <sup>5</sup> For though I am absent in body, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the firmness of your faith in Christ.

- **<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,<sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.**



- <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

- <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup> having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

- <sup>13</sup> And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

- **This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.**

# 1. The Mystery of the Ages

- 1. <sup>26</sup> the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory.
- to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, **which is Christ**, <sup>3</sup> in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
- **Mystery solved!**
- **Q: how will mankind be saved?**
- **A: through Jesus!**

## 2. Caution!

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- 8. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world,
- ***and not according to Christ***
- **Q: But what about . . .**
- **A: the answer is totally and only found in Christ!**

### **3. Growing in Christ**

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