

The word mystery.

Colossians 1:9 - 10 *“For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; (10) That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;”*

Paul wrote in verse 9 *“...that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”* Then in verse 10 he wrote, *“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God,”*

What we see here is 1. Knowing His will in “all wisdom and spiritual understanding” – allows us to walk worthy of the Lord, by pleasing Him by being fruitful in our works and consistently growing in our knowledge of Him and His will. But God’s will is not just known to us, we do not just read the bible like a book and have total understanding of God and His will.

The reason so many religionists, even in Christian religion cannot understand God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, or anything the bible says is because it has not been revealed to them. God, and His will is a mystery to mankind, and this is why Paul wrote in **Ephesians 1:9** *“Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:”* – having made known means that God has revealed it to us.

Let’s look at God mystery in the bible.

A. The word mystery.

1. It means - Something hidden, or not fully manifest. It also means -Some sacred thing hidden or secret, which is naturally unknown to human reason, and is only known by the revelation of God.
2. This would allow us, with reasonable thinking and non-blinded to see that the bible itself is a mystery and a revelation to those that understand it.
3. The worldly people are “blinded”, **2 Corinthians 4:4** *“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”* – the blindness here is “spiritual” because the lost souls spirit is dead, making them have the inability to see or react to God spiritually.

4. Sin is also a mystery to lost people, **2 Thessalonians 2:7a** “*For the mystery of iniquity doth already work...*”. Here the word mystery means - It means properly what is hidden or concealed; not necessarily that which is unintelligible. – Albert Barnes. - Therefore, God is saying sin is unintelligible to the lost soul with a dead spirit.
5. God also said that godliness is a mystery. **1 Tim. 3:16a** “*And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:*” – godliness is God’s will in our walk for Him.
6. Paul wrote that the lost soul does not know what God has prepared for us. **1 Corinthians 2:9** “*But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*” – means it is not natural to know these mysteries, but also says in verse 10 “*But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.*” Then the Lord finished in verse 11b “*...even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*”

B. The salvation of Gentiles were a mystery in the Old Testament.

1. **Ephesians 3:3 - 6** “*How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, (4) Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) (5) Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; (6) That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:*” – All mysteries of old manifested in the church age of the New Testament.
2. **Colossians 1:26 - 27** “*Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: (27) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:”*

The things of God, or the things of the bible are not known by the lost and even some saved.

Everything is a gift from God. If the things of God or the things of the bible were simply as easy as reading a book, then wouldn’t we all see the bible basically the same?