

THE STUDY OF GOD: THE GODHEAD 'MYSTERY' REVEALED

**STUDY & REFLECTION** **HERE IS THE MYSTERY OF OUR FAITH:**

1 Tim 3:16

*Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness (GODHEAD) is great: He appeared in a body, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory. (NIV)*

Paul here summarizes what is critical about God, in the person of Christ Jesus, on the mission of Redemption. He has already told us in the Colossians passage that the Fullness of God was deposited in Christ Jesus in a bodily form and that we are COMPLETE IN HIM! In 1 Tim the mission is capsulized in clear and distinct language to assure us of our full confidence of Redemption.

This 'mission' was never clearly seen, even by the prophets. Certainly not seen by those who know not God. If worldly endeavor and study could have 'known' it, they never would have killed the Lord from Glory! This mystery of godliness (The Godhead: who God Is) has now been displayed in the Person of Christ Jesus. God is now ready to unleash the next portion of His Divine Plan to restore mankind. Christ being "taken up to glory," was not the end....it marked the beginning of something better and deeper.

As we now move into the heart of our journey, we will look at the ministry of Jesus as He during His earthly ministry prepares the disciples and those who would believe on Him through their word, and teaches them expressly about the long promised and soon descent of the Holy Spirit!

The mystery of our Faith is embodied and revealed in the life of Jesus....the fullness of God in bodily form. The Incarnation....Christ inhabiting a Body for the express purpose of becoming the only valid payment for our sin is now made manifest.

Your assignment is to appreciate, embrace, thank and praise God for this unbelievable GIFT. Thank and praise Him that He has included you, your salvation in His Divine Plan.

Have a great time of prayer, thanks, and praise with your group as we prepare to get to know better the Person, Power, and Ministry of the Holy Spirit.