**THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS**

The mystery of piety (*eusebeia*), which was ...

**Principal Components:**

**Manifested** (*phaneroō* ) in flesh (*sarx*)h

**Support from Prison Epistles:**

a) ...the dispensation of God which was given to me for you, to complete the word of God, the mystery which was hidden from ages and generations, but now **has been** **manifested** to His saints. To them God willed to make known(*gnorizō*) what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the nations: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Col.1:25-27

b) ...to speak the mystery of Christ ... in order that I **may manifest** it ... Col.4:3-4

**Support from Pastoral Epistles:**

a) ...called us with a holy calling ... according to His own purpose and grace ... given us in Christ before age-times, but now having been **manifested** by the appearing of ... Christ 2Tim.1:9-10

b) ...according to [the] the faith of God's elect and acknowledgement of truth that is according to piety, in [the] hope of eternal life ... promised before age-times, but in due seasons He **manifested** His word by preaching... Titus 1:1-3

**Support from Acts Period Writings:**

a) **Christ** **manifested** in another form (*en hetera morphē*) Mark 16:12

b) ...the preaching (*kerugma*) of Jesus Christ according to [the] revelation (*apokalupsis*) of a mystery, having been silenced for age-times, but now **has been manifested** and by the prophetic scriptures has been disclosed (*gnorizō*) unto all the nations for faith-obedience... Rom.16:25-26

c) ...God Who leads us in triumph in Christ, and through (*dia*) us (gen.) **manifests** the fragrance of His knowledge in (*en*) every place. 2 Cor.2:14

**d)** You **manifest** that you are Christ's letter ... written by the Spirit of the living God ... **on** (*en*) **fleshy** (*sarkinos*) **tablets** of the heart. 2 Cor.3:3

**e)** ... in order that also the life of Jesus **may be manifested** in (*en*) the body. ... **may be manifested** **in** (*en*)our mortal **flesh**. 2Cor.4:10-11

f) Then He should have suffered repeatedly since the overthrow of the world, but now once at the end-time **He has manifested** for the removal of sin by His sacrifice. Heb.9:26

g) He was foreknown indeed before the overthrow of the world, but **He** **has been** **manifested** at the end of times for your sake. 1 Pet.1:20

h) That which ... we have heard ... seen with our eyes ... our hands have touched, concerning the Word of life - and the life **was manifested**, and we have seen ... witnessed ... declared to you the eternal life which was with the Father and **was manifested** to (dat.) us. 1 Joh.1:1-2

**i)** In this the love of God **was manifested** in (*en*) us: that God has sent His only-begotten Son into the world that we might live by (*dia*) Him (gen.). 1 Joh.4:9

j) ...the works of the **flesh** are **manifest** ... sexual immorality, impurity, vice, idolatry, witchcraft, hatreds, strife, jealousy, rages, selfishness, dissensions, divisions, envies, drunkenness, orgies... Gal.5:19-21 This is *asēbeia* - ungodliness!

**Justified** (*dikaioō*)in (or by) spirit (*pneuma*)t

**Support from Prison Epistles:**

a) ...and be renewed in **the spirit** (dat.) of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true **righteousness** (*dikaiosunē*) and holiness. Eph.4:23-24

b) ...and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the **righteousness** (*dikaiosunē*) which is from (*ek*) God by (*epi*) faith... Phi.3:9

**Support from Pastoral Epistles:**

a) ...He saved us by (*dia*) washing of rebirth and renewal of holy spirit*,* which He poured upon (*epi*) us richly by Jesus Christ our Saviour, in order that **having been justified** by (dat.) His grace we might become heirs... Titus 3:5-7

**Support from Acts Period Writings:**

a) **Christ is just** and the **Justifier** of believers in Him. Rom.3:26

Only in Psalm 51 is God **justified** - *by David* to contrast with his confession of his own sin.

b) ...but believes on Him Who **justifies** the ungodly *(asebēs)*, his faith is accounted for righteousness. Rom.4:5.

c) ...**having been** **justified** by (*ek*) faith...**having** now **been justified** by (*en*) His blood... Rom.5:1, 9

**d)** And if Christ is in (*en*) you, the body is dead indeed because of sin, but the **spirit** is life because of (*dia*) **righteousness**. Rom.8:10

e) ...whom He predestined... He called... **He justified**... He glorified. ... Who will bring charges against God's elect? It is God **Who** **justifies**. Rom.8:30, 33

**f)** ...you **were** washed ... sanctified... **justified** in (*en*) **the name** of our Lord Jesus Christ and **by** (*en*) **the Spirit** of our God. 1 Cor.6:11

**g)** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the **righteousness** (*dikaiosunē*) of God in (*en*) Him. 2 Cor.5:21

**h)** ...**is justified** by means of (*dia*) the faith of Jesus Christ ... in order that **we might be justified** on the basis of (*ek*) the faith of Christ...we seek to be **justified in** (*en*) **Christ**... Gal.2:16-17

i) ...having foreseen that God **justifies** the nations on the basis of (*ek*) faith... that **we might be justified** on the basis of (*ek*) faith... Gal.3:8, 24

j) For Christ also suffered once for sins, **the just** for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but **made alive**(*zōopoieō*) **by** (dat.) **the Spirit**... 1 Pet.3:18

**Appeared** (*horaō*) to angels (*angelos*)t

**Support from Prison Epistles:**

a) to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God **might be made known** (*gnorizō*) by the church **to the principalities and powers** in the heavenly places... Eph.3:10

**Support from Pastoral Epistles:**

a) I charge you **before** God and the Lord Jesus Christ and **the elect angels** that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality. 1 Tim.5:21

**Support from Acts Period Writings:**

a) Then the devil left Him, and behold, **angels** came and ministered to Him. Mat.4:11

Then an **angel appeared to** (*horaō*) Him from heaven, strengthening Him. Luke 22:43

Angels appeared to Christ and not the other way around. Angels would also appear to men, as in the burning bush - Exo.3:2 (LXX).

b) Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their **angels** always **see** (*blepō*) the face of My Father, Who is in heaven. Mat.18:10

Note that what the angels see is the Father, not the Son.

c) But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: "Let all the **angels** of God worship Him." Heb.1:6

d) Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven -- things which **angels** desire to **look into** (*parakuptō*). 1 Pet.1:10-12

**Heralded** (*kērussō*) among (*en*) [the] nations (*ethnos*)t

**Support from Prison Epistles:**

a) Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should **evangelize** (*euangelizō*) **to the nations** the unsearchable riches of Christ Eph.3:8

b) To them God willed to **make known** (*gnorizō*) what are the riches of the glory of this mystery **among the nations**: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Col.1:27

**Support from Pastoral Epistles:**

a) But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the **heralding** (*kērugma*) might be fully accomplished through me, and **all the nations** might hear. 2 Tim.4:17

**Support from Acts Period Writings:**

a) "And this gospel of the kingdom **will be heralded** in (*en*) all the world for a witness **to** (dat.) **all the nations**; and then shall the end come." Mat.24:14

This is in the future *sunteleia*.

b) "And the gospel **must first be heralded to** (*eis*) **all the nations.**" Mar.13:10

Parallels Mat.24 above .

c) "and repentance and remission of sins **to be heralded** in (*epi*) His name **unto** (*eis*) **all the nations**, beginning from Jerusalem." Luk.24:47

d) Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the **heralding** (*kērugma*) of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of a mystery kept secret since the world began but now has been made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made known **unto** (*eis*) **all the nations**... Rom.16:25-26

e) but we **herald** Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and **to** (dat.) **nations** foolishness... 1 Cor.1:23

f) ...and presented to them the gospel (*euangelion*) which **I herald among the nations**... Gal.2:2

**Believed** (*pisteuō*) in the world (*kosmos*)t

**Support from Prison Epistles:**

a) and to **make all see** (*photizō*) what is the dispensation of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God Eph.3:9

b) founded (*themelioō*) and based (*hedrios*) and not moved back from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was **heralded** in [the] whole creation which is under the heaven Col.1:23

c) the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now **has been revealed** (*phaneroō*) to His saints. Col.1:26

**Support from Pastoral Epistles:**

a) This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came **into the world** to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those about to **believe on** **Him** for everlasting life. 1 Tim.1:15-16

**Support from Acts Period Writings:**

a) For God so loved the **world**, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth in** **Him** should not perish, but have everlasting life. Joh.3:16

"World" to be understood in the context of Joh.12:29.

b) They said to the woman, "**We** no longer **believe** just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this Man really is the Saviour of the **world**." Joh.4:42

c) "I have come as a light into the **world**, that whoever **believes in** **Me** should not abide in darkness." Joh.12:46

d) "May they also be in us so that **the world may believe** that you have sent me." Joh.17:21

e) your **faith** (*pistis*) is proclaimed **in the whole world** Rom.1:8

**Taken up** (*analambanō*) in glory (*doxa*)t

**Support from Prison Epistles:**

a) ...and **raised together** (*sunegeirō*), and seated together in the heavenly placesin Christ Jesus... Eph.2:6

b) ...that He might present to Himself the church **glorious** (*endoxos*), not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. Eph.5:27

c) To them God willed to make known what are the riches of **the glory** of this mystery among the nations: which is Christ in you, the hope of **the glory**. Col.1:27

d) If then you **were raised with** (*sunegeirō*) Christ, seek those **things which are above** (*ta anō*), where Christ is, sitting at [the] right hand of God. Set your mind on **things above** (*ta anō*), not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him **in glory**. Col.3:1-4

**Support from Pastoral Epistles:**

a) Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, **was raised** from the dead according to my gospel ... Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus **with eternal glory**. 2 Tim.2:8,10

**Support from Acts Period Writings:**

a) So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, **He** **was received up** into the heaven, and sat down at [the] right hand of God. Mar.16:19

b) ...why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same **Jesus**, which **is taken up** from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Acts 1:11

c) This was done three times. And the object **was taken up** into heaven again. Acts 10:16

Peter's vision of unclean animals.

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