

# The Mystery of God to Reveal

## Revelation 10

### Introduction:

- A. There are some secrets that God wants known to only a few.
  - 1. The apostle John was not allowed to record the words of the seven peals of t\_\_\_\_\_ (words from God).
  - 2. The apostle Paul was not allowed to share what God revealed to him in certain v\_\_\_\_\_ (2Cor 12:1-5).
- B. There is one secret that God hid for some time but now wants it made known to everyone – the m\_\_\_\_\_ of God (v. 7).
  - 1. We have the privilege of k\_\_\_\_\_ the mystery.
  - 2. We have the duty to s\_\_\_\_\_ the mystery.

### Reveal the now and then (5-7)

- A. The strong angel swears by the Creator God that there will be no more delay (KJV – *time will be no more*)
  - 1. Some have wrongly developed a philosophy from this verse that in eternity, there is no t\_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. The Greek word translated in verse 6 as *time* is where we get our word chr\_\_\_\_\_ and refers to the measurement of time.
  - 3. The meaning of the phrase is explained in the next verse (v. 7) as referring to when the mystery of God is f\_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. This occurs at the sounding of the s\_\_\_\_\_ trumpet.
    - b. Therefore the idea is that time will expire for the mystery of God.
- B. What is the mystery of God?
  - 1. Col 1:26,27 defines it as Christ in you, the hope of glory.
    - a. This was h\_\_\_\_\_ in the O.T. times (that is why it is called a mystery)
    - b. It has been made known to s\_\_\_\_\_ and God wants it made known to the world.
  - 2. Christ in you is the n\_\_\_\_\_

- a. When you entrusted your life to Christ, the Holy Spirit came to you and now lives i\_\_\_\_\_ you (1Cor 6:19).
- b. Jesus is present with us through the Holy Spirit and works:
  - 1) I\_\_\_\_\_ you His power and character
  - 2) O\_\_\_\_\_ you by teaching you, convicting you, and guiding you.
  - 3) T\_\_\_\_\_ you to minister to others.
3. The hope of glory is the t\_\_\_\_\_ (future).
  - a. The word hope is not a mere w\_\_\_\_\_ when connected with God but a c\_\_\_\_\_ (1Tim 6:17).
  - b. The object of our hope is glory.
    - 1) Glory refers to something that is v\_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) Hope in the Bible is connected with the visible r\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (Titus 2:13; 2Thess 2:14)
    - 3) At Christ's return believers will be revealed w\_\_\_\_\_ Him in glory (Col 3:4).
    - 4) At Christ's return, God's work in us will be complete (Phil 1:6).
4. Rev 10:6,7 paraphrase: *The angel gave a divine oath that time will be up in the day when the angel sounds the seventh trumpet, for all that we look forward to as Christians will be fulfilled as the indwelling Christ gloriously returns for us.*

C. We are not to keep hidden the mystery of God

1. Reveal the now: that Christ can come and live inside you (share the g\_\_\_\_\_ ) – this people cannot see.
2. Reveal the then: Christ will r\_\_\_\_\_ and put an end to all the effects of sin in us – this all people will see.

**Reveal the bitter and the sweet (8-11)**

A. The little s\_\_\_\_\_

1. John is commanded to take the scroll and e\_\_\_\_\_ it.
  - a. It would be sweet as h\_\_\_\_\_ in his mouth
  - b. It would be bitter in his s\_\_\_\_\_ Verse 11

2. This is symbolic of the p\_\_\_\_\_ message concerning many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings. To some the message will be bitter, to others it will be sweet.
- B. The gospel message is both bitter and sweet (2Cor 2:15,16)
1. To the believer, the gospel message is sweet
    - a. Our sins are p\_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Jesus is our L\_\_\_\_\_ and our Savior.
  2. To the unbeliever, the gospel message is bitter
    - a. Our sins condemn us – the wages of sin is eternal d\_\_\_\_\_ (Rom 6:23a)
    - b. God is our J\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 3:17)

### **Conclusion**

1. The mystery of God is not for us to keep hidden but for us to reveal.
2. The mystery of God is Christ living inside you now with a view to His glorious return for you at the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet.
3. The mystery of God is bitter to the unbeliever but sweet to the believer.