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## LESSON 6

### THE MYSTERY (MUSTERION) OF GOD. (Old Creation replaced by New Creation)

2 Cor 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is IN CHRIST, he is a NEW CREATION, old things have passed away and behold, all things have become new.

The Great Secret of God revealed to Paul the Apostle is the **key to spirituality and maturity** in the faith. The Mystery (Musterion) unveils the master plan of God to unite all believers in our New Creation.

The Old Testament law and the anticipated Kingdom of God on earth, as predicted by the Old Testament prophets and taught by Jesus in the Gospels, all relate to **National Israel**. The Revelation of the Mystery focuses on the Body of Christianity as we know it. The Mystery appeals to godly thinking and holy living. In Christ we are perfected or made complete. This wholeness should lead to **practical holiness**. (Remember the difference between positional holiness and practical holiness learnt in earlier lessons).

To recap on holiness, we understand that the word HOLY means "separate" or different, i.e. "set aside" for God. (From this word, we get the word Sanctification and Saint – which is the title Paul gave to Christians) The Bible is called Holy because it is unlike any other book, powerful and alive. God's people are called holy because we are different from other worldly conscious people. Time spent in prayer is called Holy Time.

#### What could be richer or more rewarding than the Christian faith?

<b>We who are <u>in Christ</u> have all spiritual blessings</b>	<i>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every _____ in _____ places in Christ, - Eph 1:3</i>
<b>We were chosen in Christ by God before the foundation of the world</b>	<i>He chose us _____ before the foundation of the world, that we should be _____ and without _____ before Him in love, - Eph 1:4</i>
<b>We have complete forgiveness</b>	<i>In Him we have redemption (bought from sin) through His blood, the _____, according to the riches of His grace. - Eph 1:7</i>

<b>We have an inheritance (beyond anything we could imagine) and complete security.</b>	Who is the _____ of our inheritance until the redemption of the _____, to the praise of His glory. - <b>Eph 1:14</b>
<b>We are alive with new life</b>	even when we were dead in _____, made us _____ together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), - <b>Eph 2:5</b>
<b>We are the objects of eternal grace</b>	that in the ages _____ He might show the _____ of His grace in _____ toward us in Christ Jesus. - <b>Eph 2:7</b>
<b>We are God's masterpiece</b>	For we are His _____, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which _____ prepared beforehand that we should _____ in them. - <b>Eph 2:10</b>
<b>We are in union with Christ</b>	But now in Christ Jesus you who once were _____ off have been brought near by the _____ of Christ. - <b>Eph 2:13</b>
<b>We are members of one body</b>	and that He might _____ them both (Jew and Gentile) to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. - <b>Eph 2:16</b>
<b>We have access to God by one Spirit</b>	For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the _____. - <b>Eph 2:18</b>
<b>We are the temple of God</b>	in whom the whole building, being fitted _____, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, - <b>Eph 2:21</b>
<b>We are the dwelling place of the Spirit</b>	in whom you also are being built together for a _____ of God in the Spirit. - <b>Eph 2:22</b>
<b>We are powerful</b>	Now to Him who is able to do _____ above all that we _____ or _____, according to the _____ that works in us, - <b>Eph 3:20</b>

What extraordinary statements! How great is the Christian life when seen in the light of **who we are in Christ!** Moreover, we do not have to earn this exalted position, but simply accept and believe what God tells us Christ has done for us. This **position** already ours through our salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. Regarding the practical issues, we are called to walk intelligently as believers (Eph 4:17), walk in God's love (Eph 5:2), and walk in the light (Eph 5:8). When we choose to yield to God's Spirit and Will, we will bear the fruit of holiness which is goodness, righteousness and truth. (Eph 5:9). The root and source of this fruit is the Lord Jesus our Saviour through His Holy Word.