

## Discussion Questions March 18, 2018 To Prophecy the Mystery—Sweet and Sour Gospel (Revelation 10)

(Share about a time when you shared about Jesus or someone else shared about Him with you & it really to make an impact. Then, share about a time when you shared about Jesus or someone else shared about Him with you & it really *did NOT* make an impact. What do you think maybe the difference and why?)

By the end of Revelation 9, a whole lot has gone wrong; there is a world of calamity and yet “no one repents.” This makes me think of how we need to know the impact of sin; we need to see it and feel it, yet, it alone doesn’t lead to repentance.

- Think about your own repentance & that of those around you? What leads us to repentance? (This is an interesting story of repentance 2 Cor. 7:8-13)

In this sermon we looked at Rev. 10 and saw a revelation of Jesus making an oath and then there is a mystery: “We see Jesus. We see the End. We see and hear the Word of God, but we still can’t comprehend all that He means. There is always more than we know. And God is always better than we thought.”

- What mysteries still stir in your heart regarding God—Jesus—the Gospel?
- Does mystery draw you toward God or push you away from Him? Does it stir repentance in your heart or resistance?
- When God reveals Himself in the midst of a mystery, what stirs in your heart? Do you desire to tell others about Him?

“Perhaps the Mystery of God is something you can’t explain, but explains you. Perhaps it’s something you can’t comprehend or control, but it can comprehend and control you.”—Peter Hiatt

- How might thinking about the above quote help you proclaim the Gospel?

“In all of Paul’s letters, he talks as if hope in you, and especially faith in you, is somehow Christ in you. In Galatians 1:16 Paul writes that when he was called to ministry by Jesus on the road to Damascus, that... “*God was pleased to reveal his son in me,*” which seems to mean that Jesus was on the outside of Paul, calling to the hidden Jesus buried somewhere deep inside of Paul...” When you read Ephesians 3:8-9 “It’s as if He is convinced that Jesus Himself lies dormant in every man, perhaps like a seed that lies dormant in broken and dirty ground. When Paul preaches the Gospel, that seed is germinated/activated as faith, hope, and Love.” —Peter Hiatt

- What do you think about the idea of Jesus being like a seed that’s always been within each one of us?
- How might the realization that Christ is already within everyone change one’s idea of what proclaiming the gospel might look like?

“Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2).

Take a moment to thank God that He, in some mysterious way, has been hidden in all of us, like a seed, and we all will be like Him! Let that reality sink deep into your heart and then ask God how He might like to proclaim the Gospel in and through you in new and maybe mysterious ways.

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