

The Friday Men in Christ

From: Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer up your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

To: Romans 16:25-27 *Now to him who is fully able to enable you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ – according to the revelation of the mystery which was held secret during long ages but is now disclosed to all nations by the command of the eternal God through the prophetic writings, to bring about the obedience of faith -- to God, who alone is wise be glory through Jesus Christ, through endless ages! Amen.*

1. Romans 12:9 The whole mission of the Incarnation
 - o Romans 5:18-6:11
 - o II Corinthians 5: 18-21
2. Romans 12:14 Be a blessing
3. Romans 12:21
4. Romans 13:8
5. Romans 13:10
6. Romans 13:14
7. Romans 14:9
8. Romans 14:17
9. Romans 14:22-23
10. Romans 15:12-13

The Absolutes of the Mystery

1 Timothy 3:16

Without any doubt, the mystery of our religion is great: He was revealed in flesh, vindicated in spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.

1. *Jesus is the Christ – God’s Messiah – God as man/with man*
2. *As such, Jesus is the last Adam – the first of the harvest of a new creation*

3. *Jesus creates and defines the “Christian” – they are simply and wholly those united to, and living through, him.*
4. *“The church” is neither a building nor an organization (not any structure made by humans), but rather the gathering (assembly) of those called into Christ and united to him.*
5. *Simply: The Christian vocation is life in and through Christ / the new covenant new creation*
6. *This person is a participant in God – an extension of the incarnation in God’s Spirit*
7. *Jesus Christ and his new covenant partner live in complete mutual coordination – he as creator, reconciler, and sanctifier – as Lord – the convert as recipient and instrument of grace and the Spirit. The Christian lives in love submission as a surrendered life.*
8. *We live through and to Christ. We never become Christ. We are being renewed into his likeness; we are fully identified with him*
9. *This is all accomplished and facilitated by his Holy Spirit. The candidate for the Spirit is made available through the atonement on the cross.*
10. *The mystery hidden for ages is the Christ is God himself who now through his Spirit unites men and women to himself – this is the Israel of God. The call is heard and we repent and turn in submission and surrender. We present our lives in this flesh to him. Jesus is life. Jesus is holiness. Jesus is the Sacrament. Jesus is the truth. Jesus is Lord!*