Stewards of the Mysteries of God

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 4:1–5

> “Let a man so consider us as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.” (1 Corinthians 4:1–2)

The Apostle Paul confessed that he was **a servant of Christ and a steward of God's mystery**. This confession reveals the identity of a person who possesses the mystery of God.

Introduction: The Person Who Possesses the Gospel Mystery

1. A person who possesses the **gospel** is a person with true power. Such a person lives **beyond problems** because the answer is already within the gospel.

2. When the **covenant becomes our mystery**, we can truly enjoy it. The covenant itself is the answer, and **prayer is what makes that answer become real in our lives**.

3. If a person receives a **personal covenant from God**, it becomes their life and their personal spiritual mystery. This was the common characteristic seen in the **seven Remnants of the Bible and the figures used by God in their generation**.

4. Between God and us, a **spiritual space** is formed. This is the **world of prayer**. When we continually enjoy this time with God, it becomes **Summit Time**. I hope that everyone will discover and enjoy this personal mystery of prayer.

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1. The One Entrusted with God’s Mystery

Paul said that people should regard believers as **servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries**.

In the past, we may not have understood what it meant to be entrusted with God's mystery. However, through training and continual confession of the gospel, we begin to realize the **identity and authority that God has given us**.

A person who has reached this conclusion in their heart can confess boldly:

"I am an evangelist."

There is a great difference between someone who merely does evangelism and someone who **confesses their identity as an evangelist**. If evangelism becomes only work, it brings burden and thirst. But when identity is clear, evangelism becomes **joy and enjoyment**.

This confession is not about what we do, but **who we are**.

When our identity is restored, **true spiritual authority flows from within us**. This authority becomes the fundamental solution to all spiritual problems.

The Apostle Paul lived with this certainty. Even when others criticized him, persecuted him, or questioned his authority, Paul held firmly to his confession:

- "I am a servant of Christ."
- "I am entrusted with the mystery of God."

This was not simply a statement; it was the **expression of a person who had already conquered the world spiritually**.

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2. The Mystery of Prayer

Those who possess the mystery also discover the **mystery of prayer**.

Compared to the past, our understanding of prayer has changed greatly. Yet we are still learning to enjoy prayer in the way God desires—**24 hours, 25 hours, and eternity**.

Prayer is not only asking for things. It includes enjoying **God's spiritual world**, including the help of **heavenly armies and angels**.

Another mystery of prayer is that **crises and persecution become opportunities**. The power of the gospel transforms difficulties into blessings.

For example, Joseph's suffering as a slave was not simply a tragedy. It was **God's pathway for world evangelization**. Joseph already held the answer within the covenant.

Through the **power of Christ's blood**, even mistakes and hardships can become doors to greater answers.

Those who know this mystery realize that they are **God's spiritual ambassadors in this generation**.

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3. Who Can Possess This Mystery?

The answer is simple: **those who truly understand the gospel**.

The mystery of the gospel is revealed throughout the entire Bible. When Paul discovered the gospel, his life completely changed.

Without the gospel, Paul might have remained trapped in legalism, focusing only on being correct. But **true progress does not come through correctness alone—it comes through faith and enjoyment of the gospel**.

When we enter the world of enjoying the gospel:

- Our understanding deepens
- Our prayer becomes deeper
- Spiritual transformation begins

These changes may not be visible outwardly, but they are the **starting point of all true change**.

Eventually, we experience the great blessing of becoming **one in heart and mind with God**.

Prayer then becomes the greatest blessing in life. It is not something forced, but something **alive within us**.

God ultimately desires that we go to the field and **save the people who desperately need the gospel**.

Conclusion

1. Those Who Enjoy the Covenant Experience the Fulfillment of God's Word

Throughout the Bible, those who enjoyed the **covenant and the sacrificial blood** became leaders of their time and left behind works that changed history.

The key is **holding onto the covenant and continuing in it**.

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2. Worship Is the Center of Everything

In Exodus 40:17, the tabernacle was established on the first day of the first month. God commanded His people to build the tabernacle first because it was the place where:

- Worship was offered
- Sacrifices were made
- God's presence was revealed

Today we do not offer animal sacrifices. Instead, we hold onto and confess **the precious blood of Christ**. This confession strengthens us and fills us with grace.

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3. Those Who Worship with the Covenant Experience True Freedom

As we worship with the covenant, we experience **greater freedom from all things**.

The **blood of the covenant** becomes:

- The message we testify to others
- The foundation for raising disciples
- The key content of evangelism

Like the Apostle Paul, we must hold onto this confession in our hearts:

Even though I am weak and lacking,
I am a servant of Christ and a steward of God's mystery.

When this confession becomes our personal word from God, **true power begins to work in our lives**.

May all of us become **people who possess God's mystery (**비밀 가진 자**)**.

Prayer

God, we thank You for Your grace.

Thank You for giving us this precious Word.
May the covenant You have given us become **heavenly nourishment**, a **spiritual weapon against Satan**, and the **secret to overcoming every problem**.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.