

## “THE MANIFESTATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

- c. Jesus is touched with the feelings of our infirmity (Heb. 4:15), this verse tells us that he, like the rest of Creation, is groaning in distress about its trauma.

### *{LESSON 15A} {1/4/2009}*

#### “THE SACRED SECRET – GOD’S GIFT TO US”

- XXIX. For ages God kept a Sacred Secret, and He did not tell anyone or even give any hints about His secret until after the death of His Son, Jesus.
- A. The idea of the “Sacred Secret” starts in 1 Corinthians 2:9 AMP: **“But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed]”**.
1. Now, however, He has revealed it to mankind as shown in Scripture.
    - a. In 1 Cor. 2:10 AMP we read: **“Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man scrutiny].”**
    - b. We also find support for this revealing in Ephesians 3:5 AMP: [This mystery] was never disclosed to human beings in past generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles (consecrated messengers) and prophets by the [Holy] Spirit.”
  2. This is a good place to ask the question, why did God keep His secret until after Jesus died?
  3. Because what God has given us today was so crucial to His overall plan for mankind that if Satan and his demons had known about it, they would not have crucified Jesus.
    - a. This is clearly shown in 1 Corinthians 2:7-8 KJV: **“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery [mysterion – Sacred Secret], even the**

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**hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: V8, Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”**

### **“READING THE WORD AND LEARNING THE DETAILS”**

- B. Where do we look in the Bible to learn more about the details of “The Sacred Secret”?
1. Not in the Old Testament, because it was written before Jesus was crucified.
  2. Not in the Gospels, because almost all the events of the Gospels occurred before Jesus was crucified.
  3. We find these wonderful vital truths in Acts through Jude, which are the writings to the Christian Church.
  4. This mysterious secret is still a mystery to many Christians today. Why?
    - a. Because they fail to read and compare Scripture with Scripture, in order that the spiritual blessings He has given us become clearer and clearer.
    - b. God loves us enough to do these things for us, and now it is our turn to love Him enough to read the Bible carefully and discover what He has done.
    - c. You may ask, what are we looking for?
    - d. We are looking for “secret things” things that are unique to the Christian Church, things that were not revealed in the Old Testament or in the Gospels before Jesus died.

***{LESSON 15B} {1/11/2009}***

### **“THE SACRED SECRET REVEALED”**

XXX. The Christian Church started on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2), and it will end with the Rapture of the Church (1 Thess. 4:17).

### **“THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRED SECRET”**

- A. In Eph. 3:2 NIV the Christian Church age is spoken of as the “**...the administration of God’s grace....**”.
1. In Eph. 3:9 Rotherham translation it is called the Administration of the