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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

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Sacred Secret.

2. God’s Sacred Secret so completely influences and defines the time period of the Christian Church that the entire Church Age is named after it.
3. During the ages (administrations or dispensations) that came before the Church Age, God gave many blessings to mankind.
 - a. However, we must accept and believe what God says about what we have today versus what He gave to people who lived in the administrations before us.
4. What does God say about the Administration of the Law, which came immediately before the Administration of the Sacred Secret?
 - a. First, God says it was “glorious” (2 Cor. 3:7- KJV), but then He calls it **“...the ministration [ministry] of death...”** in the same verse.
 - b. Furthermore, He calls it **“....the ministration [ministry] of condemnation....”** just two verses later.
5. Paul did not stop there, he continued in 2 Cor. 3:10 KJV to say that the Law had “no glory” in comparison to the glory that we have today.
6. Let’s take the time to read 2 Corinthians 3:6-10 AMP: **“[It is He] Who has qualified us [making us to be fit and worthy and sufficient] as ministers and dispensers of a new covenant [of salvation through Christ], not [ministers] of the letter (of legally written code) but of the Spirit; for the code [of the Law] kills, but the [Holy] Spirit makes alive. V7, Now if the dispensation of death engraved in letters on stone [the ministration of the Law], was inaugurated with such glory and splendor that the Israelites were not able to look steadily at the face of Moses because of its brilliance, [a glory] that was to fade and pass away, V8, Why should not the dispensation of the Spirit [this spiritual ministry whose task it is to cause men to obtain and be governed by the Holy Spirit] be attended with much greater and more splendid glory? V9, For if the service that condemns [the ministration of doom] had glory, how infinitely more abounding in splendor and glory must be**

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the service that makes righteous [the ministry that produces and fosters righteous living and right standing with God.]”

7. Surely you can see that God has elevated the Administration of the Sacred Secret far above the Administration of the Law that was before the Church age.
 - a. God had His own purposes in creating and bringing about the Administration of the Sacred Secret.
 - b. This purpose was to show forth His wisdom, and we find this in Eph. 3:10 AMP: **“[The purpose is] that through the church the complicated, many-sided wisdom of God in all its infinite variety and innumerable aspects might now be made known to the angelic rulers and authorities (principalities and powers) in the heavenly sphere.”**
 - c. Next we understand that God was also showing forth His glory by granting it to His children.
 - (1) This is clearly seen in 1 Corinthians 2:7AMP: **“But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [from the human understanding] and now revealed to us by God – [that wisdom] which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence].”**

“THE INFLUENCE OF THE SACRED SECRET”

- B. The Sacred Secret influences every area of the Christian’s life. Why?
 1. Because The Sacred Secret falls into general categories that deal with salvation, the gift of the Holy Spirit in us, our relation to others who are saved, and our hope.
 2. Please understand, it is not the purpose of this teaching to expound on all of these things.
 3. It would take a book to set forth completely even the one truth that salvation in the Administration of the Sacred Secret is permanent.
 4. The purpose of my lesson is to give “the big picture” of the Sacred Secret

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so we can see what God has done for our glory.

{LESSON 16A} {1/18/2009}

“SALVATION IS GUARANTEED PERMANENT”

XXXI. Without any doubt, the most important aspect of the Administration of the Sacred Secret is that salvation is permanent.

- A. I believe that once a person becomes a Christian, he cannot lose his salvation no matter what he does.
1. I have been fought against because of my belief, but I absolutely believe that our salvation is guaranteed.
 2. In contrast I also believe that before the Age of Grace started, and after the Rapture, a person’s salvation is not secure, and a person can lose it during these times if he turns against God.
 3. But that is not the case in the Administration of the Sacred Secret, and there are many ways God shows us this truth.
 4. For one thing, God uses three different Greek words for “born” to show that a Christian is born into God’s family, and that his birth is permanent.
 - a. We will study these words for “born” at a later point in the study.
 5. We as children of God are twice born, and once something is born in the Spirit realm , it cannot be unborn.
 6. Besides using the word “born” God uses the word “adoption”.
 - a. In Romans 8:15, 23 AMP we read: **“For [the Spirit which] you have now received [is] not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption [the Spirit producing sonship] in [the bliss of] which we cry Abba (Father)! Father!”**
 - b. And in Galatians 4:5-6 AMP we read: **“To purchase the freedom of (to ransom, to redeem, to atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us [and be recognized as God’s son]. V6, And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the [Holy] Spirit of His Son into our hearts,**