

Mysteries of God
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Greetings in the Name of Christ Jesus our Lord!

I would like to consider 1 Corinthians 4:1, which reads, "This is how one should consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."

One of the more underappreciated words today is "mystery." Mystery used to mean something that was profound and deep and beyond understanding. That's what Paul is referring to here - the deep and profound truths of God, the wonders of the Incarnation or the wonder of Baptism or the Lord's Supper.

We today don't have "wonder" all that much. We like to know how things work, we like to reduce them all to numbers. In fact, if you go to the "mystery" section at a book store, you're going to get books about crimes to solve. As modern folk, we like to be in charge and in control.

And yet, in God's Church we are still confronted by wonder, by true mystery. The idea that God Himself would become man to redeem us is still utterly profound and wondrous. That Jesus would go to the cross and suffer to win us salvation is a love beyond expressing fully. That in the Supper Christ Jesus gives us His Body and Blood under the Bread and the Wine is a mystery that no turn of human reason will ever "solve." These are things beyond us, above us.

And yet, these mysteries of God are for us - for our good, for our benefit. God continues to give us His blessings in ways that we can touch and handle - we are brought ever closer to Him even as we learn more and more how much grander and greater and more wondrous He is. These are the mysteries that the Church of God stewards, cares for - these are the mysteries we delight in.

This Jesus, who is with you, who is your Savior, is the Creator of all things. He is God Almighty - and He is for you. And that is a profound truth - and a great one to remember and ponder.