

THE MYSTERIES OF GOD, THE MEANS TO READINESS

Glory – Week 4
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KEY SCRIPTURES

- [Matthew 24:4-14; 21; 24-25; 29](#)
- [1 Corinthians 4:1-3](#)
- [2 Thessalonians 2:7](#)

KEY POINTS

- Though we would like things to return to normal, what if they get worse? Our Lord states they will in Matthew 24? Will we be ready?
- The picture of increasing trouble isn't pretty: being misled, increased lawlessness, tribulation, persecution, natural love of hearts growing cold in most people, professing believers falling away.
- True believers who endure to the end will continue proclaiming the gospel to all nations, filled with Christ's supernatural love.
- Two things are required to be one of those who do not grow cold in their love: Divine Understanding and Divine Power, revealed to believers in "the Mysteries of God." We are trustworthy stewards. (1 Cor. 4:1-3)
- Christians must be informed (divine understanding) of the two opposing kingdoms and how they operate: **the mysteries of the Kingdom** ([Matt. 13:11](#)) and **the mystery of lawlessness** (2 Thess 2:7).
- The **mystery of godliness** is essentially the counteracting measure against lawlessness, which is "Christ in You, the hope of glory."
- Christians must place their confidence in Christ in them—not a political figure or party—to stay on course, manifesting the fragrance of Christ.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are you prepared for the difficulty laying ahead, ready to maintain a loving heart in sharing the good news?
2. Why is it necessary to have God's Divine wisdom to navigate difficult times?
3. What does it look like to have confidence in Christ in you? What does it mean to be His fragrance as salt and light?
4. How do we fight lawlessness differently than the world? (Remember Jonathan Isaac, the Orlando Magic player.)
5. What will you do to increase your divine understanding of the mysteries of God to help you stay strong?