

John # 16

“Mystery Solved”

John 1:22-28

A grace believer understands Who and what the Lord is and that success in life comes from the Lord or it doesn't come at all.

The grace believer always makes an issue of the message rather than himself or his personality.

The plan of God is older than creation.

There is no excuse for public enemy #2 in the Christian life which is ignorance of the mystery; public enemy #1 is arrogance, knowing it and not applying it.

The mystery is the unique Church Age doctrines and salvation is not a mystery.

Understanding the mystery begins post-salvation when its unraveling begins for the positive believer.

There are two stages in glorifying God to the maximum: 1. The Winner Stage

2. The Invisible Hero Stage

The winner passes momentum tests and the invisible hero passes evidence tests. _

Most people spend so much time devising and applying their own plans that they forget the greatest plan!

It is the ultimate in arrogance to place our plans above God's plan.

We all have circumstances in which we thought we were justified in wanting something far better for ourselves.

Once we accept Jesus Christ as Savior, we have to set aside our own agenda or plans.

For many, it takes extreme amounts of adversity before they come to the place where they say to themselves:

“Just what is the will of God for me?”

Believers who desire to be disciples of Jesus Christ must constantly go beyond their threshold of learning through humility and teachability and then they will establish spiritual self-esteem, spiritual independence and finally, spiritual maturity.

From the creation of Adam to the time of Moses, the plan of God consisted of believers; after expressing faith alone in the revelation of God that they had, living their spiritual lives in faith-rest.

From Moses to Pentecost when the Church Age began, the plan

of God was one of ritual related to Israel's four unconditional covenants and the conditional Mosaic Law.

From Pentecost throughout the Church Age, the plan of God is a protocol plan of virtue expression in which all believers are to be constantly briefed regarding spiritual growth.

John the Baptist, a consummate grace believer demonstrates his grace orientation by simply stating:

“Look at my message and not me.”

The better your vocabulary, the better you can think.

Question: What set John apart from other speakers?

The grace believer's life is centered around biblical truth.

A genuine communicator of biblical truth, a qualified pastor-teacher is not seen, meaning his personality is somewhat hidden or overshadowed by his presentation of the Word of God.

Question: Why did God send John to the desert?

It is true that God provides teachers for the flock, the hungry, positive and motivated flock.