

PRAYER MEETING

"THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS"**Introduction**

1. Paul moves from the Church to Christ
2. All our glory + honour is from Him
3. The more we know of Christ the better
DOCTRINE: Everything about Christ is mysterious,
i.e. cannot be received except by true faith

1. "MANIFEST IN THE FLESH"

- 1) To see Christ is to see God:
 - (i) The incarnation a sublime event
 - (ii) Texts: John 1:1, 14; John 14:8-10
 - (iii) Each nature complete: two natures / wills
 - (iv) Yet one person
- 2) The need to worship Christ
 - (i) A part of true Christian practice
 - (ii) Is denied by false forms of the faith

2. "JUSTIFIED IN THE SPIRIT"

- 1) There was a joint ministry of Son and Spirit
- 2) Christ was vindicated against all enemies:
 - (i) at His baptism
 - (ii) by His miracles – done by God's Spirit
 - (iii) At His resurrection – raised in proof of His Godhead
 - (iv) By the great Day of Pentecost

3. "SEEN OF ANGELS"

- 1) They knew why He became man:

- (i) at His birth (Luke 2): "Good tidings...joy"
- (ii) they ministered to Him after temptations
- (iii) in Gethsemane (Luke 22:43)
- (iv) **NOTE**: NOT on the Cross
- (v) resurrection
- (vi) ascension

4. "PREACHED UNTO THE GENTILES"

- 1) The dispensations – how they vary
- 2) Christ commanded this: Matthew 28
- 3) The warrant for foreign missions
- 4) The illustration of "mustard seed"
- 5) Prophetic: Psalm 72, Isaiah, etc.
- 6) The failure of the Pharisaic Jews

5. "BELIEVED ON IN THE WORLD"

- 1) It is a fact: see Acts
- 2) Explained only by God's grace
- 3) True believers hated and persecuted
- 4) The need to be patient in this life
- 5) Christ will reward those who persevere

6. "RECEIVED UP INTO GLORY"

- 1) The Ascension: Acts 1

- 2) The full glorification of Christ
- 3) All authority is now His as Mediator

CONCLUSION

1. to marvel at the gospel
2. to marvel at your own faith
3. to marvel at the glory soon to be revealed

PSALM

47: 1 – 8

45²: 3 – 7

68: 18 - 20