

Open Secret

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I. Introduction

- A. Christ is in each Christian.
- B. Text: Colossians 1.

II. Majesty of Christ. This is all that Christ is.

- A. Christ is the image of the invisible God.
- B. Christ is majestic in character.
- C. Christ is majestic in creation.
 - 1. He is the beginning of all creation, all things were created for him and by him all things were created.
 - 2. Today people are thinking that the universe revolves around them.
- D. Christ is majestic in control.
- E. Christ is majestic in the church.
- F. Christ is majestic in his conquest. We have every reason to be optimistic in the victory of Christ.
- G. Christ is majestic in his calling.
 - 1. He is called to be utterly pre-eminent.
 - 2. The mystery of Christ is Christ in us.
 - 3. Christ has let his power loose in us.
 - 4. We must recognize our powerlessness to receive Christ's power.
 - 5. Christ has come to do a work of character in us.
- H. Christ is majestic in his content.
 - 1. Internally there must be an appropriation of that Jesus is.
 - 2. Our responsibility is to make ourselves totally available to Christ.

III. Mystery of Christ.

- A. All that Christ is, he is in us.
- B. Christ is able to do more than we ask or think in us.

IV. Ministry of Christ. All that Christ is, he intends to minister through us.

Application questions:

1. What implications does Christ's role in creation have for our view of ourselves? Explain.

2. What s the mystery of Christ? Why is this a mystery?

3. What does it look like to partake in the fullness of Christ? Explain.
