

THE MYSTERY OF SIN

2 Thessalonians 2:7

“The secret power of lawlessness is already at work.”

- Mystery can be defined as something real or evident but its method or power is not.

- gravity
- God
- life
- death

- Sin is a fact; no one doubts it.

A. Sin is mysterious in its _____.

1. It had a _____; before that was perfect _____. *Genesis 3, Genesis 4:7*
2. We know the _____ of sin but the _____ is more difficult.
3. Each individual life _____ sin; when did the taint of sin _____?
 - a. Through _____ sin.
 - b. Even the _____ does not give us the _____.

4. Rather than total _____ (and join the crowd), shouldn't we have a certain _____ of it or "fear?"

B. Sin's _____ mysteries.

1. We think goodness is _____, but look at sin's _____.

a. We believe that _____ is stronger. *1 John 4:4*

b. But our _____ reveal something _____ than that truth.

1) We seem to have more _____ of evil than _____ for good.

c. Vice is attractive, _____ and hardy while virtue is seen as weak, _____ and fragile.

2. Sin's mystery is _____ in its temptation.

James 1:13-16

a. We have our own "_____ sin," our individual persecution, and _____ it.

b. At our _____ moments we are _____.

3. It has power to _____, representing itself differently from what it _____ is.

a. The Gospel _____ the falsity of the situation and shows us what we _____.

b. What if God were to _____ it all? There would be _____ disguise - God is _____.

c. The form of it that Scripture gives us is a _____, thwarting God's work and _____ man's hope.

C. The mystery has an answer - _____

_____ who comes to _____ that giant!

1. It brings us to _____ mystery - of victory over death and sin by our _____.

Ephesians 6:10-13