

- I. Introduction – What is a mystery?
  - A. Sphere design - review of the family and church
  
  - B. Scriptural themes of intimacy, union, & oneness
  
- II. The Mystical Union
  - A. Between a husband and wife
  
  - B. Between Christ and His church
  
  - C. Between God and man – the Unio Mystica
    - 1. Colossians 1:27 "Christ in you"
    - 2. John 15:5 "If a man remains in me and I in him"
    - 3. John 14:16-17 "for he lives with you and will be in you"
    - 4. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 "God's Spirit lives in you"
  
  - C. Unique and particular social laws and the blurring of spheres
  
- III. Unity - The Body of Christ - Making many One
  - A. Many members – we form one body with unique gifts and roles
  
  
  - B. The Mystery of Christ – " ...for you are all one in Christ Jesus"

C. Jesus' vision for the church

1. John 17: 20-23 " ...that all of them may be one ...so the world may believe that you have sent me ...may they be brought to complete unity ..."

2. Oneness – the many reciprocal or "one-another" commands

IV. Hunger for significance

A. Tassels – Numbers 15 - " ...so you will ...not prostitute yourselves by going after the lusts of your own hearts and eyes" Also see Deuteronomy 22 and Matthew 23.

B. Jesus' teaching - "everything they do is for men to see" - We want to be noticed and gain recognition from others – Matthew 6 "They have received their reward in full"

C. Source of significance drive - from God and should be fulfilled through His covenant relationships; ultimately fulfilled only by Him

D. Post Game Party – Saul's jealousy of David after the victory over Goliath

V. Conclusion – "God has made us for Himself and our hearts are restless until we find our rest in Him" – Psalm 42:1-2 "My soul thirsts for God, for the living God"