



BOLD TO SPEAK THE MYSTERY

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**2 Timothy 3:16-17;
Titus 2:1**

Things of Sound Doctrine

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• **Reproof**

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The 2nd Coming of Christ *(continued on page 2)*

Recently at GBCRM we have been watching a preview of the 2nd Coming of the Lord (thankfully from our position as members of the Body of Christ seated in the heavenlies!). Our guide for the journey was Bible Teacher John Klasen who led us through some of the Scriptures that describe the Return of the Lord at the end of the Tribulation Period, which culminates in the Battle of Armageddon and the ushering in of the believing remnant into the Millennial Kingdom, thereby fulfilling all God’s promises to the nation of Israel.

At times, the journey is harrowing, and the ride accelerates quickly and stops fast. So, fasten your seatbelts, put on your 3D glasses, hang on tight and

follow along as the Lord returns in judgment in accord with Prophecy at His 2nd Coming!

To get the most out of this series, it will help to keep a few things in mind:

This Is NOT The “Rapture”

This is NOT the Coming of Christ to remove the Body of Christ *from the earth* via the Rapture as revealed in Paul’s letters. This is the Coming of Christ back *to the earth* to fulfil all His promises to Israel in accord with her Prophetic Program as revealed in the Old Testament, Gospels and Ministry of Peter and the 12. It is the 2nd Coming of the Lord—TO THE EARTH.

When Christ comes for the

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What About the Rest of the Bible? *(continued on page 6)*

Someone recently asked: If “rightly dividing” says Paul’s Letters are written specifically to and about us today, then what do we do with the rest of the Bible? That is a pretty good question!

After all, the Bible is the believers only protection as we serve God on enemy territory in a wick-

ed age that is under the Power of Sin, Death and Satan. According to 2 Tim. 3:17, nothing else can make us complete or mature believers, fully equipped for every good work. But for this to happen, we must first follow the command Paul gave earlier in 2 Tim. 2:15: **Study to show (or present) yourself approved of God, a**

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Body of Christ via the Rapture, He does not return to the earth. Rather He removes the Body of Christ ***from the earth***, taking her ***into the heavenlies*** in accord with the Mystery as revealed to and through the Apostle Paul (1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:13-

For More on the Rapture, click below:
[SO YOU MISSED THE RAPTURE](#)

18; Eph.).

Use The Map

There is a map on page 3 that will be very helpful in following the Lord's "itinerary" at His return. Familiarize yourself with it.

The Mount of Olives Is Important

The Mount of Olives is a ridge of hills just east of Jerusalem. That is where the Resurrected Lord stood when He left earth and ascended to heaven (Acts 1:12), and that is where He will land when He returns to the earth again (Zech. 14:4).

The 2nd Coming Happens Over THREE Days

We tend to think of the Return of the Lord as something that happens all at once. But John shows from Scripture that it actually occurs over 3 days (Hos. 6:2). In the first 2 days, the Lord will avenge Israel of her (and God's) historical enemies by mounting an "aerial assault" on the nations that directly surround Israel. On the 3rd day he finalizes the Avenging and Delivers the believing remnant into the Kingdom.

The Davidic Covenant

The 3 day return of Christ is tied to the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant, which is made up of 5 basic "mandates" that God

promised to carry out on behalf of Israel:

1. God will be her **Redeemer**.
2. God will be her **Deliverer**.
3. God will be her **Avenger**.
4. God will be her **King**.
5. God will be her **Blessor**.

The 1st mandate was fulfilled at Christ's First Coming when He **redeemed** Israel at the Cross. The 2nd through the 5th mandates, however, are yet future. The first 2 days of Christ's 3 day Coming will begin with the **avenging** of the nations surrounding Israel, who had been her historical enemies. This **avenging** begins in the 1st day and will be completed at the Battle of Armageddon on the 3rd day, where it will expand to include all nations hostile to Israel and God.

But God is not just **avenging** on the 3rd day. He is also **delivering**. He **delivers** the little flock/believing remnant into Israel's long-promised Earthly Millennial Kingdom. After these 3 days Christ will establish His **Kingly** throne in Jerusalem, raise up the nation Israel, **bless** her, and through her the whole world in accord with Prophecy.

For More on the Davidic Covenant, click here: [DAVIDIC COVENANT](#)

The 2nd Coming Begins With An Aerial Attack

The Lord will carry out an aerial attack during the first 2 days of His Return (Is. 31:4-5; Deut. 33:26) before He "touches down" on the Mt. of Olives. During this time and from the air, Christ, as Israel's Avenger, begins to fulfill the 3rd mandate of the Davidic Covenant by destroying the nations that surround Israel with fire.

Familiarize Yourself with the Bible References

The 2nd Coming of Christ

Days 1 & 2 especially refer to Amos 1 & 2, Jeremiah 49, Zechariah 9, Habakkuk 3.

Day 3 especially refers to Zechariah 14 and Joel 2 & 3.

The Itinerary For the 2nd Coming

Days 1 & 2:

To start, the Lord returns with His army to Jerusalem. There He has an initial skirmish with the Antichrist, who is driven out of the city but will return in 3 days. Then, Christ leaves His army encamped around Jerusalem and begins His aerial assault against the nations that surround Israel to avenge her of her (and God's) enemies, destroying them with fire. He does this all ALONE.

Christ begins this aerial assault up north in Damascus (Syria), which had been part of the Assyrian Empire that took the Northern Kingdom of Israel into captivity. He then moves south along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea, carrying out His avengement on Phoenicia (Tyre) and Philistine (Ashkelon). From there, He swings further south through Sinai (Paran), the Red Sea waters in Egypt and down to Ethiopia (Cushan). *(These are not on the map.)*

Then He heads north through Edom, Moab and Ammon. Along the way, He judges Apostate (unbelieving) Israel—Judah, Jerusalem and Samaria. Finally, He lands on the Mount of Olives, the exact place He ascended from after His resurrection (Acts 1:1-12). This ushers in the 3rd Day.

Day 3:

Up to now, Christ has been avenging the nations that surround Israel all ALONE. Now, however, in the Battle of Armageddon, He re-joins His army and leads them in an expanded work of avenging that includes all the hostile nations of the world, resulting in their de-

struction.

But that is not the whole story. God not only avenges, He also delivers. He delivers the believing remnant/little flock/true Israel, those who had “endured to the end,” along with Gentile “strangers” who had befriended them, into Israel’s long-prophesied Millennial Kingdom on earth. This completes the Avenging and Delivering mandates of the Davidic Covenant. Christ then begins His reign as King from Jerusalem where He Blesses all Israel and through her the utter most parts of the earth (Acts 1:8) in accord with what God had spoken by all the prophets since the world began (Acts 3:18-26).

John ends the series by looking at Christ’s 2nd Coming as described in Mat. 24, especially with regard to the first 2 days. Then he looks at the 2nd Coming as described in Revelation, especially with regard to that 3rd Day and the Battle of Armageddon.

Click Below to Begin the Journey.

[The Second Coming of Christ](#)



The Path To Heaven *by Pastor Peter Philippi*

When it comes to something as important as where we are going to spend eternity, you and I better have something more reliable than man's opinions ... but where do we turn for an absolutely trustworthy answer? We turn to the only source, GOD'S Word, the Bible. It begins with bad news, very bad news, but ends with very, very good news.

THE PROBLEM: SIN

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

God tells us that we have something that we inherited from the head of the human race, Adam: A sin nature. Did you ever see parents sit their children down and say, “I want you to listen very carefully, I'm going to teach you how to lie, how to disobey your parents and how to fight with your brothers and sisters?”

No lessons are needed in that department. Kids know how to do that all on their own from an early age. The lessons we have to teach them are: How to tell the truth, how to obey, how not to fight. And the reason? Children are born with a sin nature, and that sin nature evidences itself by the fact that we continuously sin **“and come short of the glory of God.”** We are not sinners *because* we sin, we sin *because we are sinners!*

God reinforces that in many other ways. We are **“filled with all unrighteousness and ungodliness”** (Romans 1:29). **“There is none righteous, no, not one ... there is none that does good, no, not one”** (Romans 3:10-12). In Romans 5 we are referred to as **“ungodly,” “sinners,”** and God's **“enemies”** (Romans 5:6, 8 and 10).

The fact is that we are all guilty before a holy

God! If you disagree with God that you are a sinner, then there is no need to read any further, even though the next six points apply to us all.

The Penalty: Eternal Death

The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23); **... by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for all have sinned** (Romans 5:12)—death, Separation from God, for all eternity, in the Lake of Fire. It is hard to understand, hard to believe, but true nonetheless.

The Plan: Devised by God's Love

This is where the good news begins, the Good News of God's unconditional love for the ungodly, for sinners, for His enemies ... for you and for me! If human love has ever disappointed you or hurt you, God's love never will. His love and affection for us is without limit, without change, without interruption.

“For God so loved the world ...” (John 3:16). You have never known love like this. **God**, the greatest Person in the universe, **“so loved”** ... the greatest love that ever existed, **“the world”** ... and that most certainly includes you and me; **“that He gave His only begotten Son”** ... the greatest gift that has ever been given!

The Person: Christ

The plan of God which was devised by His love, revolved around God's Son, Jesus Christ, presented in the Word of God as the Creator of the universe, as the One in Whom all the attributes of God reside, the visible

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representation of the invisible God.

The Process: Christ's Death For Us

God's plan for us involved God doing the very hardest thing He ever did. He sent His Son to die a most cruel death for us, as our substitute, paying for sins He didn't commit but that you and I committed. He alone took the condemnation and judgment that we deserve and was rejected by God the Father because He **became sin for us** (2 Corinthians 5:21). He shed His blood and gave His life ... for us! Can such love be ignored? Can such sacrifice go unnoticed? Can such a provision be rejected?

The Provision: Salvation Provided by Believing the Gospel!

The Good News is that through the shedding of Christ's blood and His death on the Cross, God has made a complete and eternal provision for us, a salvation that is totally free to us because it was paid for by Christ (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). It is a salvation that comes to us by God's grace, which is all that God is free to do for you and me because of what Christ accomplished on the Cross.

"For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not as a result of (our) works ..." (Ephesians 2:8-9). "Not by works of righteousness which we have done but by His mercy He saved us" (Titus 3:5)

Our works and attempts at reaching and pleasing God are worthless to Him. **Salvation is all of God. It is a gift to**

be received.

The Personal Response: Faith

"For by grace are you saved through faith ..." (Ephesians 2:8). Faith is our response to God's provision of salvation. It is ceasing any works, and "doings" of any kind (religious or otherwise) to get us into a right relationship with God and into heaven. Heaven is not a reward for "good" people. It is a free gift for bad people, sinners who have trusted the Work of Christ on the Cross **alone** and **exclusively** for personal salvation. A man asked the Apostle Paul, **"What must I do to be saved?"** Paul answered clearly **"believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved"** (Acts 16:31; Romans 3:21-24).

And now the question to you is: What are you trusting in to get you to heaven? If it is anything other than what Christ did on the Cross for you, God says you will not get to heaven. **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved!"**

My dear friend, the decision is yours to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and trust His work on the Cross alone as the only provision for your salvation.

**To Hear More On Salvation
click the link below:**

[A MESSAGE OF SALVATION](#)

What About The Rest of the Bible? by Steve Walker *Continued from p.1*

workman who need not be ashamed, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH. This means that while we recognize that the whole Bible is for us, Paul's Letters are specifically written to and about us. Whereas the rest of the Bible reveals God's Prophetic Program with Israel on the Earth, Paul's letters reveal God's Mystery Program with the Body of Christ in the heavenlies.

Reading the Bible in the light of "rightly dividing" means that the source of doctrine for believers today in the Body of Christ is that doctrine found in Paul's Epistles. This is what reproves, corrects and instructs us in righteousness today. Titus explains sound doctrine in this way:

For the Grace of God that has now appeared to all men (through Paul's teaching) brings salvation and teaches us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present world; looking for the Blessed Hope (the Body of Christ's unique hope—the Rapture) and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ ... These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. (Titus 2:1-15).

So, we come back to our original question. What about the rest of the Bible? There are many intertestamental truths that apply to any dispensation. While many things changed with the raising up of the Apostle Paul some things remained the same. The nature of God and the nature of men didn't change. When we read about the Fall of Mankind in Genesis, we can learn about man's proclivity to sin and our need to remain dependent on God.

The record of Israel's rebellion and wilderness wanderings serve as examples that can teach us that we should not lust after evil things like they did (1 Cor. 10:6). Of course, there are things that we cannot apply to our-

selves. Israel's rebellion brought curses from God because they were under the Law System. This, of course, is not true of us today because "rightly dividing" tells us that **We are not under Law but under Grace** (Rom. 6:14), and that there are no curses for the believer because: **There is therefore now no more condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus** (Rom.8:1).

Our Apostle, the Apostle Paul, tells us that the Law and the Prophets "bear witness" to what God is doing today (Rom. 3:21). They can "bear witness" to the promise of a coming Messiah, a suffering servant, and a resurrected Lord. They can "bear witness" to the sinfulness of man and the inability of the Law to declare anyone just before God (Rom. 3). They can "bear witness" to the utter futility of relying on the flesh. We can certainly learn from these things.

When we read about Christ's 1st Coming in the Gospels and study His 2nd Coming in the Prophets and Revelation, we can learn about God's Faithfulness to Israel, which encourages us to believe that He will be just as faithful to us in the Body of Christ. We can benefit from what the Old Testament teaches about the attributes of God— His Deity, Power, Righteousness, Holiness, etc..

The Scriptures pertaining to Israel Prophetic Program can do all of this and more, bringing us comfort and encouragement, "bearing witness" to what God is doing today by providing examples of faith or the lack thereof—all information we can learn from and, when using the tool of "rightly dividing," apply to our lives today. **So while Paul's writings are to and about us, the whole Bible is for us!**

More on Rightly Dividing, click here:
[Paul's Distinct Apostleship](#)

The Super-Abounding Christian Life by Steve Walker

Did you know that God has given *every* believer the Super-Abounding Christian Life? Let's list a few of His abounding gifts:

SUPER-ABOUNDING LOVE OF GOD
(1 Thess. 3:12)

SUPER-ABOUNDING WALK THAT PLEASES GOD (1 Thess. 4:1)

SUPER-ABOUNDING BROTHERLY LOVE (1 Thess. 4:10)

SUPER-ABOUNDING HOPE
(Rom. 15:13)

SUPER-ABOUNDING GRACE
(Rom. 5:15)

SUPER-ABOUNDING SUFFICIENCY UNTO GOOD WORKS (2 Cor. 9:8)

SUPER-ABOUNDING KNOWLEDGE OF THE MYSTERY (Eph. 1:8; Phil. 1:9)

SUPER-ABOUNDING IN TEACHINGS THAT ROOT, BUILD UP AND ESTABLISH (Col. 1:7)

And that is just the beginning. If we add words like 'excelling,' 'exceeding,' 'riches' and 'abundant', we have super-abounding thankfulness and rejoicing, prayer and preservation, goodness and sanctification.

Our God through Christ is not the stingy ogre in the sky, who doles out blessings grudgingly, that "religion" makes Him out to be. No, our God is the God of Super-Abounding blessings given freely on the basis of Grace. The moment we are saved God freely gives us all the blessings He is giving today, all at once, once-and-for-all. We can proclaim with Paul: **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with ALL spiritual**

blessings in heavenly places in Christ (Eph. 1:3). That's about as plain as could be. God has freely given every believer ALL HIS BLESSINGS, and they can never be diminished or taken away because they come to us in and through Christ.

But you say: If God has given us everything we need for the Super-Abounding Christian Life, why does my experience of that life seem to fall so far short? If your experience doesn't match God's provision, it is not because God hasn't done His part! Its because you are not doing your part. The key to experiencing the Super-Abounding Life God has already freely given you is very simple: Remember what Paul taught.

If you forget/reject Paul's teaching about abstaining from sexual immorality, you won't be experiencing the Super-Abounding Walk that pleases God. If you forget/reject what Paul taught about the Rapture, you won't be experiencing Super-Abounding Hope. If you forget/reject what Paul taught about not putting undue hardship on fellow believers, you won't be experiencing Super-Abounding Brotherly love. And so on.

Remembering Paul brings us into thankful communion with the Father, which leads us to His Super-Abounding Agape Love—the love of God displayed at the Cross of Christ—being poured out into our hearts, which guarantees a Super-Abounding Hope and produces a Super-Abounding Walk that pleases God, which manifests itself in Super-Abounding Brotherly Love (1 Thess. 3-5). Enjoy and fully experience the Super-Abounding Christian Life! Remember Paul.

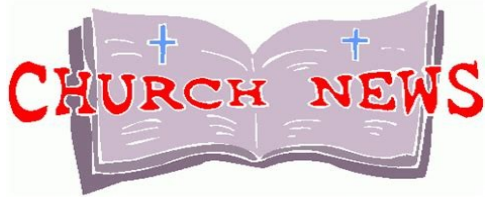
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SUPER-ABOUNDING CHRISTIAN LIFE

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We are updating the Church Directory. Please contact Marilyn if you would like to add or change information for your entry.

There will be a one day Ladies Retreat on Saturday, April 6, 2019. If you would like more information, contact Marilyn.

Next Fellowship Luncheon will be on March 3rd. ALL ARE WELCOME!

We preach *Christ Crucified*¹; we worship *Jesus Christ According to the Revelation of the Mystery*²; and we study the Bible using the principle of *Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth*³.

1. 1 Cor. 1:23 2. Rom. 16:25 3. 2 Tim. 2:15

We meet every Sunday morning at the *Rolling Meadows Community Center* located at 3705 Pheasant Dr.

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Fellowship and Refreshments: 9:30 - 9:55

Morning Service: 9:55 - 11:15

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