



# BOLD TO SPEAK THE MYSTERY

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## WHAT IS THE MYSTERY?

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One of the most important concepts in Ephesians is the "Mystery." We will look at two aspects of this. First, how Paul uses the word Mystery and then what is contained within what Paul calls the Mystery, contrasting it with the revelation given in the Old Testament.

Paul uses this word MYSTERY 15 times. Let's look at a few of them:

### THE MYSTERY TEMPORARY BLINDNESS OF NATIONAL ISRAEL:

**For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. (Rom. 11:25)**

The Mystery is being revealed during the time of Israel's

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## JUMP START YOUR PRAYER LIFE! (Pt. 2)

### INTRODUCTION

Last time, we began a series that will help you "jump start" your prayer life. So, what does God expect believers to pray about in the Dispensation of Grace? For that we must go to the Apostle of Grace, our apostle, the Apostle Paul, and pray based on what we have learned

and received, heard and seen from and in Paul:

**Those things, which ye have learned and received, and heard and seen in me (Paul). DO: AND THE God of peace shall be with you.**

**(Phil. 4:9)**

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temporary blindness and will continue until the fulness of the Gentiles come in and the Body of Christ is complete. In the Mystery, Paul is teaching us a whole new set of truths that had never been revealed before, and it is on these that the Christian life is based. Today, a temporary blindness has come on the Nation of Israel because of their unbelief and rejection of Jehovah God. They rejected their Messiah, who had come on their behalf and had come from them.

## FOR OUR (THE BODY OF CHRIST'S) GLORY:

**But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory. (1 Cor. 2:7)**

In the Mystery we have revealed the hidden wisdom of God that was ordained for our glory. There were truths that were hidden previously but are now revealed through Paul's teaching. This hidden wisdom has now been revealed.

## THE RAPTURE:

**Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the**

**dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (1 Cor. 15:51-52)**

**For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Comfort one another with these words. (1 Thess. 4:16-18).**

The Mystery reveals how the Dispensation of Grace will end. At the sound of the trumpet, the dead in Christ shall be raised incorruptible, and we who remain are changed, putting on immortality. This is a source of encouragement to continue proclaiming this truth until this occurs.

## THE MYSTERY OF HIS WILL:

**Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he had purposed in himself. (Eph. 1:9)**

The Mystery reveals God's will for our Christian lives in its entirety, in all its details. There you will find all the provisions God has given to us so that we can live the Christian life in the power He has provided. Understand the Mystery, and you will understand God's will for today.

## THE MYSTERY WAS DISTINCTLY AND UNIQUELY REVEALED TO THE APOSTLE PAUL ALONE:

**For this cause I Paul, the prisoner**

**THE MYSTERY IS THE ONLY THING THAT ESTABLISHES, STRENGTHENS, AND EMPOWERS BELIEVERS TODAY:**

**Now to Him that is of power to establish you according to my (Paul's) Gospel, and the Preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the Revelation of the Mystery, which was kept secret since the world began.**

**AND THIS MYSTERY TRUTH CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN PAUL'S EPISTLES!**

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of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, <sup>2</sup> if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: <sup>3</sup> how that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; as I wrote afore in few *words*, <sup>4</sup> whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ. (Eph. 3:1-4)

God revealed the Mystery to Paul through a direct revelation from the Risen Lord Jesus Christ (3:3). It is revealed to everyone after Paul by the Holy Spirit teaching them from Paul's writings (3:4-5). And no one before Paul knew anything about it—in other ages it was not made known unto the sons of men (3:5a), it is the unsearchable riches of Christ (Eph. 3:8), and from the beginning of the world it has been hid in God (not in the Old Testament) (3:9).

### THE MYSTERY IS FOR ALL PEOPLE:

Unto me, *who am* less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that *I* should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; <sup>9</sup> and to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery. (Eph. 3:8-9a)

This Mystery is for all people to see. The Mystery is the content of Truth for the Body of Christ. It is distinct from the revelation God gave to the Nation Israel. All believers as members of the Body of Christ need to see that God has brought them into the Fellowship of the Mystery.

### THE MYSTERY BRINGS US INTO A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST:

This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (Eph. 5:32)

The Mystery refers to the unique relationship believers have with their Head as

members of the Body of Christ. Christ and His Church knitted together and maintained on the basis of Agape (unconditional, unending, infinite) Love.

### THE MYSTERY COMPLETES THE WORD OF GOD:

Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; <sup>26</sup> *even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: <sup>27</sup> to whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Col. 1:25-27)

The apostle Paul gives the capstone of God's revelation to the world. Mystery Truth completes the Word of God. This is the riches of the Glory of this Mystery because it offers hope to the world, especially the Gentiles. Not only are they in Christ! But Christ is in them!! The way to bring believers to completion and maturity is through the full knowledge of the riches of the glory of the Mystery. This is the only way to grow up and be established and spiritually strengthened in the Lord today, appreciating the greatness and glory and richness of these truths that God has given us through the Apostle Paul.

### THE MYSTERY KNITS US TOGETHER IN LOVE:

For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and *for* them at Laodicea, and *for* as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; <sup>2</sup> that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of un-

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**derstanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God and of the Father, and of Christ.** (Col. 2:1-2)

In order to present every one perfect in Christ, knit together in Love requires the full acknowledgment that leads to the full assurance of the Mystery. This was Paul's burden for all the churches. This Mystery is critical. It is absolutely necessary. All the treasures of God's infinite wisdom open, they blossom, in the full Revelation of the Mystery recorded for us in Paul's Letters.

**THE MYSTERY IS THE BASIS FOR ALL PRAYER:**

**Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: <sup>4</sup> that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.** (Col. 4:3-4)

Paul's proclamation of Mystery truth brought great negative reaction from the Jewish religious system and the Gentile world. His prayer request is that doors might be opened so that he would speak the Mystery of Christ to make it manifest. He prayed that he would proclaim it boldly, clearly, no matter what the consequences were to him. That's how important the Mystery is to God and Paul. It should be that important to us as well. We must come to a full understanding so that we can come to a full proclamation so that others might come to a complete understanding of it and be enabled to live the

Christian Life in all its details today.

**THE MYSTERY IS THE WAY WE PREACH CHRIST TODAY:**

**Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began** (Rom. 16:25)

**THE MYSTERY COMPLETES GOD'S WORD:**

**Wherefore, I (Paul) am made minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to FULFIL THE WORD OF GOD.** (Col. 1:25)

Here we find the content of the Mystery. It is the preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the Mystery. No believer can be strong and established apart from an understanding of Jesus Christ as proclaimed in the Mystery.

These are just a few of the things we can say about God's Mystery Revelation made to and through the Apostle Paul with regard to the Lord Jesus Christ. Now let's contrast that with how the rest of the Bible refers to Christ.

## IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK

Prior to this preaching of Jesus Christ in the Mystery found in Paul's Epistles, Israel's Prophetic Scriptures--the Old Testament, the Gospels, the beginning of the Book of Acts and Hebrews through Revelation—proclaimed Christ, but not in the way the Mystery proclaims Him. Hebrews 10:7 tells us that **in the volume of the book it is written of Me**. The revelation about Christ there comes in the form of pictures, symbols, types, promises, prophecies, all pointing to different aspects of His work. This is the preaching of Jesus Christ according to Prophecy. Let's look at some of these

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things that pointed to the Lord Jesus Christ.

### ADAM IS A TYPE OF CHRIST:

**Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of *him* that was to come** (Rom. 5:14).

**And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit** (1 Cor. 15:45)

Adam was the figure of Him who was to come. The first man created is a type of Christ. 1 Cor. 15:45 talks about the first Adam and the last Adam—the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ is the fulfillment of that type. Adam was the son of God in a unique sense and is a type of the divine Son of God. In Luke's genealogy of Jesus through the line of Mary, he says this: **which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.** (Lk. 3:38). Adam was a unique son of God when created and a type of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the eternal, uncreated, Son of God.

### ABEL'S BLOOD SACRIFICE PRE-FIGURED CHRIST:

**And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. <sup>4</sup> And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: <sup>5</sup> but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect.**  
(Gen. 4:3-4)

**By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by**

**which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaks.** (Heb. 11:4)

Abel's blood sacrifice prefigured what Christ would do on the Cross in shedding His blood. The blood Abel offered as a sacrifice of faith opposes the sacrifice of his brother Cain, who brought the work of his own hands. Cain is a picture of how unbelieving people come to God. Man tries to work his way to heaven, to gain some kind of merit before God through his works and performance. But man cannot do that. These are the only two approaches to God, one is acceptable and the other is not. God always rejects the works of men. Salvation is always **by grace through faith not of yourselves; it is a gift of God, not of works lest any man should boast** (Eph. 2:8). The sinner's fingerprints can't be found anywhere on it. Salvation is something God provides as a free gift, and Abel stands as a picture of a person who comes through blood sacrifice as opposed to the one who comes through his own works. Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins (Heb. 9:22).

### NOAH'S ARK PREFIGURES GOD'S LONGSUFFERING PATIENCE IN CHRIST:

Noah's Ark is a refuge from the flood as salvation is a refuge from God's wrath against sin provided in and through Christ. The Flood was God's visit of righteous judgment against the sinning of mankind. In judgment He is gracious, and He provides salvation through Noah's Ark, saving the family of Noah.

The patience and longsuffering of God is a picture of what is transpiring today in the Dispensation of Grace. For 2,000 years the longsuffering of God has been in effect of

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which we are all beneficiaries. The world calls for God's wrath but God stopped it and intercepted history by the proclamation to the entire world of salvation by grace through faith. The Ark took the full force of God's wrath even as Jesus Christ did for man's sins on the Cross. God invited Noah's family into the Ark as God invites sinners to salvation through the Work of the Lord Jesus Christ and faith in that.

### ISAAC IS A TYPE OF CHRIST:

His Supernatural Birth:

**And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred year old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: <sup>20</sup> he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God. (Rom. 4:19-20)**

He was the son of promise, his birth supernatural. Abraham and Sarah could no longer produce a child. God supernaturally remedied this situation, and Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham, who named him Isaac. Likewise, Christ's birth was supernatural, a virgin birth, miraculous, supernatural, of the Holy Spirit (Lk. 1:35).

His Father's Willingness to Sacrifice His Only Son:

**And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am. <sup>2</sup> And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. (Gen. 22:1-2)**

But Isaac is an even more compelling type

when he was offered by Abraham, his father, as a sacrifice because it points to the sacrifice of God's own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Isaac being offered up by his father is a type of Christ being offered by His Father on the Cross of Calvary.

His Resurrection:

**By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up *his* only begotten son, <sup>18</sup> of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called: <sup>19</sup> accounting that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure. (Heb. 11:17-19)**

Isaac is not just a type of Christ's birth and death, but of His resurrection as well. In Isaac, all God's promises to Abraham would be fulfilled. Therefore, the only conclusion Abraham and faith could come to is that God would have to raise Isaac from the dead. Abraham believed this.

In John 10:18, Jesus says: **Therefore, doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.** Christ, the raiser up of Himself. He had power to lay down His life, and He had power to take it up again. Isaac is offered but God intervenes and receives him back from the dead, which is a type of Christ's resurrection. Isaac is a multi-faceted type of Christ—His Supernatural Birth, Sacrificial Death and Resurrection.

### JACOB'S LADDER IS A TYPE OF CHRIST:

**And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the an-**

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**gels of God ascending and descending on it. (Gen. 22:12).**

Jacob's ladder connected the earth with heaven, men with God, and in John 1:51 Jesus says: **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.** Jesus is the one way to God and heaven. Jesus said: **I am Jacob's ladder. I am the link between heaven and earth. I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (Jn. 14:6).**

### The PASSOVER IS A TYPE OF CHRIST AND THE CROSS:

**For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. (Ex. 12:23)**

The Passover was to the Jews Israel's day of independence from bondage in Egypt even as the Cross is the believer's independence from the bondage of Sin and Death. They were to put blood on the door post, and when the Angel of Death would come to take the firstborn son in every family, he would "pass over" that family's house. God made this the first month of Israel's calendar.

It is a picture of God seeing the blood of Christ applied to the sinner who believes and when He comes in judgment, He would pass over them. God offered up His Own Son to die on the Cross in our place, as our representative, as our substitute. He died that death to make payment for our sins. All that is left for us is to believe in the

Lord Jesus Christ.

### THE OFFERING OF THE LAMB IS A TYPE OF CHRIST:

**Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God any bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evil favouredness: for that is an abomination unto the LORD thy God. (Deut. 17:1)**

A spotless lamb's blood was shed for the remission of sins. All the innumerable lambs sacrificed find their fulfillment in Christ, **the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world (Jn. 1:29).** He is the only one Lamb, the final Lamb, the only Lamb we need as the sacrifice for sin.

### THE MANNA FROM HEAVEN IS A TYPE OF CHRIST:

**Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. (Ex. 16:35)**

God fed the Israelites in the wilderness with manna that came down from heaven. Christ says He is the antitype:

**Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. <sup>34</sup> Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. <sup>35</sup> And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. (Jn. 6:32-35)**

Jesus is the true bread from Heaven who gives life to the world. Jesus Christ is the

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true manna.

## THE ROCK IN THE WILDERNESS IS A TYPE OF CHRIST:

**And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. <sup>10</sup> And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? <sup>11</sup> And Moses lift up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly.**

(Num. 20:9-11)

Moses was to strike the rock once and water would come out of it. This is a picture of Christ smitten on the Cross. But Moses got into trouble and wasn't allowed to enter into the Promised Land because he struck the rock twice, and that destroyed the symbol.

Christ did not need to be smitten and nailed to the Cross twice. His death on the Cross was once for all and was a sufficient and a complete offering of God's provision for salvation. Jesus says in John 4:13-14 that **whoever drinks of the water that He gives will never thirst again.** He will only need to drink once. And Paul explains that all the Israelites **did eat the same spiritual meat; <sup>4</sup> and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of *that* spiritual Rock that followed *them*: and *that* Rock was Christ.** (1 Cor. 10:3-4)

## CONCLUSION

There are many other such types and pictures of Christ. The Tabernacle and its furnishings are a picture of Christ. The Feasts of Israel picture Christ. The offerings—the Burnt Offering and Meal offering and Sin Of-

fering and all the other offerings--point to the Lord Jesus Christ. The Day of Atonement points to Christ, making reconciliation with Israel and God: Christ is our atonement.

Joseph and Moses are types of Christ in that they were both rejected by their brethren the first time but received the second time. Melchisedek, the priest-king of Salem, is a type of Jesus Christ, the true Priest-King of Jerusalem. Isaiah 53 is a picture of Christ: He came as Israel's Redeemer, bearing their sins on Himself, but they despised and rejected Him, so that they could not receive spiritual healing. Psalm 22 is a commentary of Christ's suffering and death on the Cross--rejected of the Father, the Father turning away from His Son, who became sin for us. And there are many, many more such pictures of Christ.

## THE LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ISRAEL'S PROPHETIC PROGRAM

**PLUS**

## THE LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO THE BODY OF CHRIST'S MYSTERY PROGRAM

**EQUALS**

## THE WHOLE BIBLE IS WRITTEN ABOUT ME, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!



## JUMP START YOUR PRAYER LIFE! (Pt. 2)

### The Apostle Paul's Prayers

Last time we saw the following prayers of Paul that all believers can follow today:

#### PAUL'S #1 PRAYER TOPIC:

#### FOR GRACE CHURCHES AND GRACE BELIEVERS

We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, <sup>4</sup> since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which *ye have* to all the saints, <sup>5</sup> for the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel ... whereof I (Paul) am made a minister according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfill the Word of God, even the Mystery which has been hid from ages and from generations.  
(Col. 1:3-5 with 1:25-26).

Paul's #1 prayer topic is thanking God for Grace Churches with their faithful Grace Believers. By Grace Believers I am not referring to those who are just "saved by grace" (as wonderful as that is!!). Rather, Grace Believers are those who are, yes, "saved by grace," but who then go on to remember, participate in, embrace and advance the Grace apostleship of Paul. The Philippians were an example of a Grace Assembly made up of Grace Believers:

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, <sup>5</sup> for your *FELLOWSHIP in the gospel* from the first day until now; <sup>6</sup> being confident of this very *thing*, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

<sup>7</sup> even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in *MY* heart; inasmuch as both in *MY* bonds, and in the *DEFENSE and CONFIRMATION of the gospel*, ye all are *PARTAKERS of MY grace*. (Phil. 1:3-7).

#### PAUL'S #2 PRAYER TOPIC:

#### SALVATION FOR ALL

I exhort therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; <sup>2</sup> for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. <sup>3</sup> For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; <sup>4</sup> who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.  
(1 Tim. 2:1-4)

Paul prays for salvation of the whole world—Jew and Gentile alike. Today, God is SAVING ungodly sinners on enemy status before Him. One day He will return to destroy His enemies but today it is all about His Grace and Peace to His enemies, beginning with His worst enemy, Saul, the leader of Israel's rebellion against Christ and His followers, whom God commissioned to be our Apostle Paul, the pattern to follow in salvation by pure Grace, especially for the Gentiles, for today

#### PAUL'S #3 PRAYER TOPIC: ALL BELIEVERS WOULD GLORIFY GOD WITH ONE MIND AND ONE MOUTH

Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one towards another according to Christ Je-

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**us: <sup>6</sup> that ye may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.**

(Rom. 15:5-7)

Paul's ongoing prayer is that all believers in the Body of Christ might praise and worship God with one mind and one mouth.

That is anything but what Christianity is experiencing today. Today, there are tens of so-

-called Christian religions, hundreds of denominations, thousands of sects and a church on every street corner, and they are all saying something different! What a mess. How displeasing it must be to God!

Historic Christianity turns God's desire for unity upside down and ridicules it. I recently heard a famous evangelical preacher say that all the disunity in Christianity is actually good because it makes Christianity more attractive to a greater variety of people. His assertion is that those who are more emotional can go to a church with a lot of singing and theater. If they are more intellectual they can go to a church that studies the Bible out of the original Greek. Or, if they like rituals and rites, they can go to a church that offers that.

What a bunch of nonsense! This is contrary to God and His Word. God's desire reflected in Paul's prayer is that all believers worship Him in perfect unity. And where does that unity come from? There is only one

place, and that is the Bible rightly divided. Paul goes on to explain the basic outline for rightly dividing the Bible that if followed by all believers would result in the whole Body of Christ worshipping God in unity and building up each other in love. Rightly dividing is very easy, and it only takes Paul about 15 verses to outline completely:

1. The Gospel Accounts and the ministry of Peter and the 12 have to do with the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ, who came as a minister to the circumcision (Israel) for the truth of God, confirming the promises He made to (Israel's) fathers (Rom. 15:8).
2. The promises made to Israel's fathers are in accord with Israel's Prophetic Program, whereby the Gentiles would be blessed **WITH ISRAEL AND THROUGH HER RISE IN BELIEF** (Rom. 15:9-12). Now this brings about a big problem for the Gentiles in Paul's day and ever since. Paul just told us in Rom. 11 that Israel had **FALLEN IN UNBELIEF** (Rom. 11:11-15). Well, if the Old Testament promised Gentile blessings with Israel and through her **RISE**, and the Gospels Accounts and the ministry of Peter and the 12 confirmed that ... What hope was there for the Gentiles now that Israel had **FALLEN**? This is really the million dollar question that Historic Christianity has yet to get right. If God is not doing something new through the apostleship of Paul, then the Gentiles are completely and utterly hopeless.

**PRAYER IS NOT OUR WAY  
TO GET GOD INVOLVED IN  
OUR THINGS.**

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3. But Paul says in Rom. 15:13:

**Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.**

How can this be? How can the Gentiles, whose only revealed means of blessing was through Israel, be filled with all joy and peace and hope now that Israel had FALLEN? If Paul's apostleship isn't distinct, if God didn't start a new plan, purpose and program through him, then all Paul could offer the Gentiles is misery, enmity and despair.

BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, WHO GIVES US (Gentiles!) THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (1 Cor. 15:57), God did begin something new with the Apostle Paul: a Dispensation of Grace whereby He is now blessing the whole world, especially the Gentiles, APART FROM ISRAEL AND THROUGH HER FALL! This is something never revealed before. Something not known before to the sons of men (Eph. 3:5). Something that is unsearchable in the Scriptures before Paul (Eph. 3:8). Something hid in God not the Old Testament or the parables of Jesus (Eph. 3:1-9). Something ***kept secret*** since the world began (Rom. 16:25).

The Gentiles in Rome and all Gentiles since have only one source of joy, peace and hope, and that comes through the distinct apostleship of Paul and the unique means of Gentiles blessing that comes through it.

**Nevertheless, brethren, I (Paul) have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God, <sup>16</sup> that I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. (15:15-16)**

The only cure to Christianity's impotence with regard to spiritual things is to believe, appreciate and embrace Paul's distinct apostleship, which is the basis for rightly dividing the Scriptures.

### PAUL'S #4 PRAYER TOPIC:

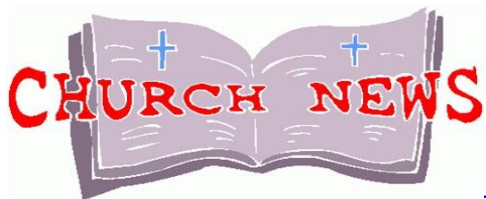
**THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BE WITH YOU ALL (1 Cor. 16:23)**

**PRAYER IS GOD'S WAY TO GET US INVOLVED IN HIS THINGS!**

The Corinthians as a whole were not one of the most responsive of Paul's assemblies. They

were divisive (because they didn't rightly divide the Scriptures!). They were carnal and fleshy. They rebuffed his authority and unrequited his love. Yet He embraced them with the grace God gave to him as their spiritual father in Christ Jesus their Lord. There can hardly be a better picture of the Riches of God's Grace. His super-abounding all-embracing message of GRACE to sinners.

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We have also begun a Bible Study Fellowship in Romans 5 on Thursday Evenings (7-8:15 PM, Central Time). To join the ZOOM meeting click here:

[THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY](#)

On Sundays (9:30-11:00 AM Fellowship and Bible study) we are continuing our study of the Gospel of Matthew. To join the meeting click here:

[SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY](#)

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

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

**Due to the Coronavirus regulations we are not meeting in person at this time.**

**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**

**We have Sunday School for all children**

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