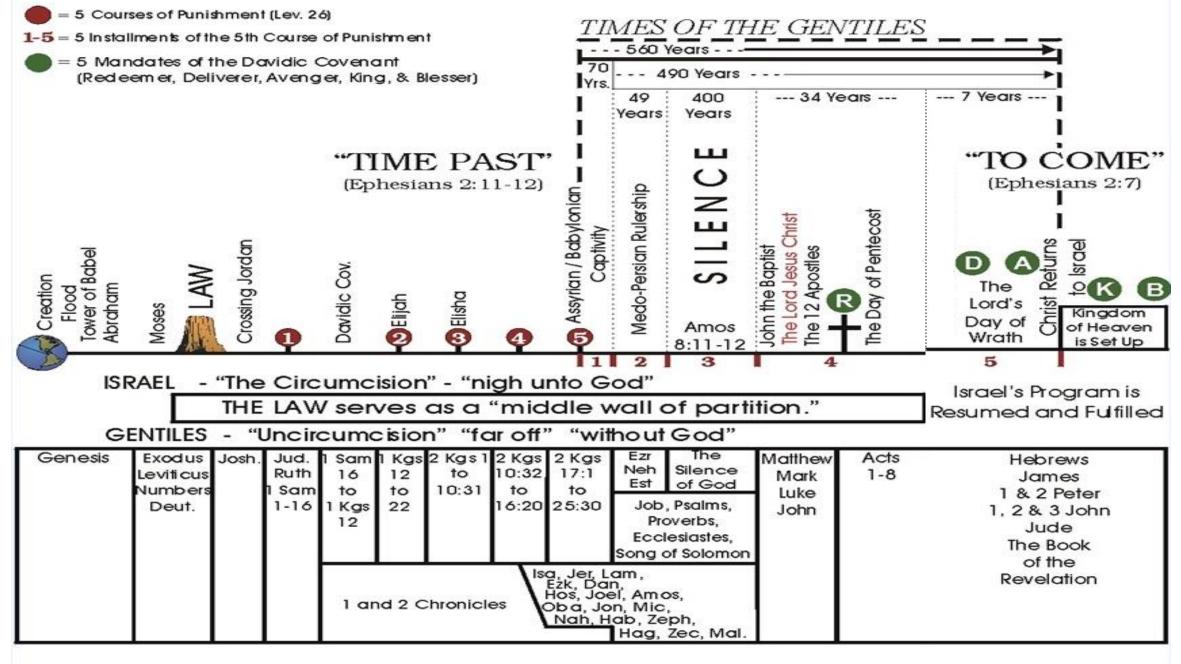
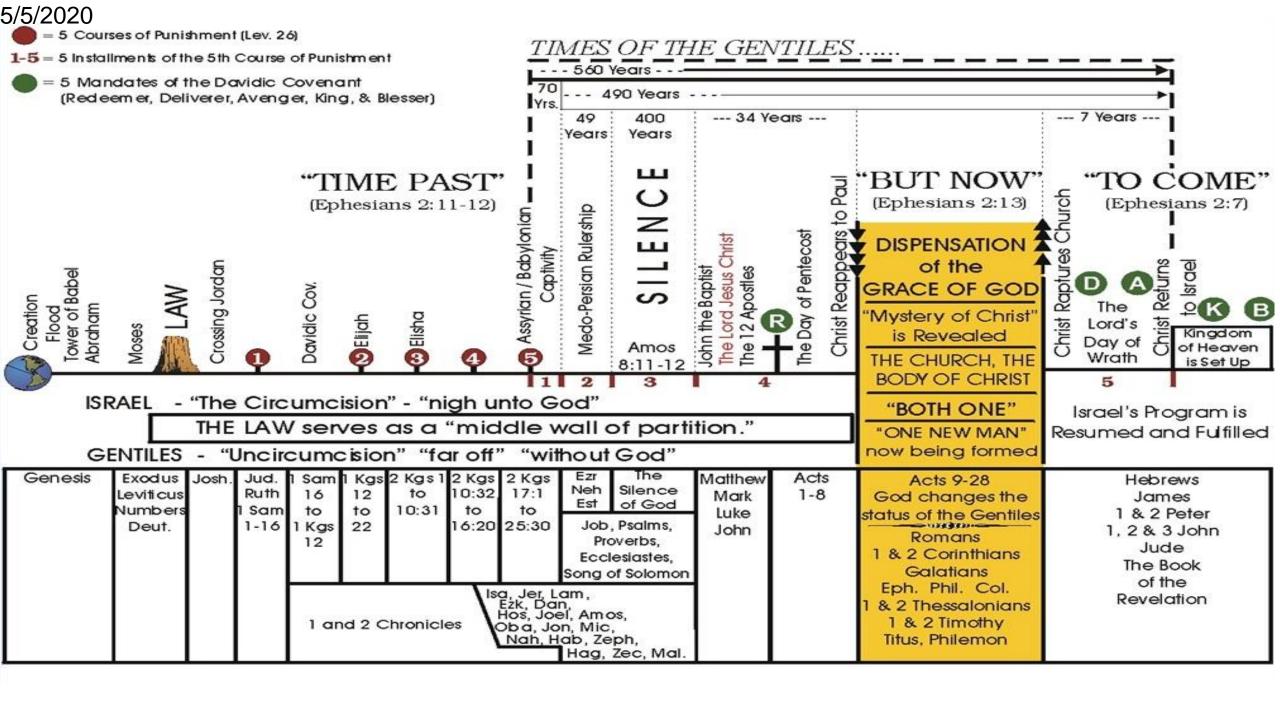
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#### Up from the grave He arose

Low in the grave He Lay Jesus my Savior! Waiting the coming day Jesus my Lord

Up from the grave He arose With a mighty triumph o'er His foes He arose a Victor from the dark domain And He lives forever with His saints to reign He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

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Vainly they watched His bed Jesus my Savior! Vainly they sealed the dead Jesus my Lord!

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Death cannot keep its prey Jesus my Savior! He tore the bars away Jesus my Lord!

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# IN CHRIST: Knowing Christ Pt. 2

## **Ephesians 1:10**

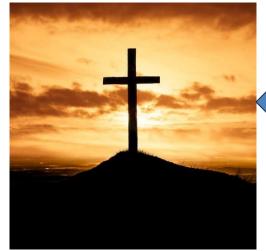
1. Phil 3:10-14--What was required for Paul to "know" Christ? Not just know about but to know intimately in his experience. What's involved in organizing the entirety of our existence around Christ as the primary goal (Phil. 3:10-21)?

### NOW: FULLNESS ON EARTH (Phil. 3:9-16):

- a. Knowing the POWER of His resurrection.
- b. Fellowshipping in His sufferings
- c. Being made conformable to His death.

#### FUTURE: FULLNESS IN HEAVENLIES (Phil. 3:17-21):

d. Obtaining the goal of all this—in the hope that at the FINAL resurrection all will be fully realized and fulfilled as heavenly citizens in the presence of Christ forevermore.



Steadfastly serving God by serving others IN LOVE, not thinking of our own things but the things of others unto their edification: THE MINDSET OF CHRIST (Phil. 2).

Good News of Christ's death. The Love of God at Cross Of Christ for us. As revealed in PGMT—Agape Love. Centered in Christ Phil. 3:10 Rom. 5:3-5

> Releasing the Power of His Resurrection Life

Which gives us patient endurance in adversity as we fellowship in His sufferings.

Holy Spirit overflows our hearts with this Love, conforming us to His death (Phil. 2).

#### 2. Paul's Christ-Conformed desires:

- a. To gain Christ not the things of the flesh (Phil. 3:4).
- b. To be found in Christ and His righteousness not his own (Phil. 3:9).
- c. To know Christ in the pattern of His death, participating in His sufferings, empowered with His resurrection power (Phil. 3:10).
- d. All in the confident expectation of participating in the resurrection from the dead unto a glorious body like unto Christ's, where there is no indwelling sin and focus on Christ and service to God remains complete without distraction or hindrance (Phil. 3:11).
- e. With every ounce of his being, Paul stretches to touch the goal of Christ's purpose for him and the Body of Christ in their heavenly calling (Phil. 3:12-14).
  - --He knows he will not reach it down here on earth.
  - --But he thinks and acts and strives as though he can.

- 3. Everything he does reaches toward this goal even though he knows it cannot be reached in this life (Phil. 3:12). Everything he does is with the thought that he might just be able to reach it anyway, right now in this life (Phil. 3:11-14):
  - a. He races for it as though he could attain it.
  - b. He reaches for it as though his life depended on it.
  - c. He does whatever he can to get closer to it and capture it.
  - d. He grabs hold of it with the same power that Christ grabbed hold of him.
  - e. For him nothing else matters. He forgets every other approach to God and thing he ever thought was good in the past and just keeps pushing ahead in God's good centered in Christ, straining to touch what lies ahead—the resurrection and the fulfillment of His heavenly calling.

- 4. Christ is his All-in-All (Col. 3:11):
  - a. Being in relationship with Christ is the supreme "good" purpose of Creation (Phil. 3:8-9).
    - --He is the center and end goal of the Scriptures (Jn. 5:39).
    - --He is the center and end goal of believers (Eph. 1:6).
    - --He is the center and end goal of creation (Eph. 1:10).
  - b. The Person and Work of Christ is the one supreme incomparable "good."
    - --Paul gives us an almost shocking illustration of this in his total transformation in Phil. 3:2-16, being created anew and centered in Christ.

- 5. The transformation of "all things" illustrated in the life of Paul:
  - a. Paul's old worthless reckoning from a reprobate mind and darkened and hardened heart (Rom. 1:18-22; 2:1-4) was replaced with new reckoning from an enlightened heart and renewed mind of faith (Rom. 6:17-18; 12:1-3).
  - b. He could now make judgments according to what is truly important and valuable (Phil. 1:10-11).
    - --He now considers and reckons (3:7, 8, 13) according to God's wisdom rather than the world's wisdom, just as Christ did (Phil. 2:5-6).

- c. Now, the only possession valuable to Paul is the knowledge of the surpassing "good" and exceedingly great goal that comes from being in relation to the Lord Jesus Christ and a participant in His things.
  - —nothing else compares or comes close—not education, ethnicity, Law observance, religious zeal; in fact, everything else was not just loss but refuse as a means of approach to God (3:8).
  - --Paul discovered that the only effective means of approach to God is through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

- And all this is underpinned doctrinally in Ephesians. The fullknowledge of the Mystery is what brings us into the fullknowledge of Christ and His Work:
  - a. PGMT reveals the Love of God at the Cross of Christ, conforming us to His death positionally, which the HS uses to conform us to His death experientially (Eph. 1:4, 6-7).
  - b. PGMT (Pauline Grace Mystery Truth) makes possible the Power of His Resurrection (Eph. 1-2).
  - c. Because he proclaimed PGMT, Paul participated in the sufferings associated with Christ (Eph. 3:9-17).
  - d. PGMT taught them how to be conformed to His self -sacrificial death in love, conforming to His death experientially, which permeates every relationship and aspect of life (Eph. 4:1-3, 12-16; 6:10-20)

## AND CAN IT BE

And can it be that I should gain An int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him, to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be That Thou, my God should die for me?

Chorus: Amazing love! How can it be That Thou my God should die for me!

## AND CAN IT BE

He left His Father's throne above So free, so infinite His grace Emptied Himself of all but love And bled for Adam's helpless race 'Tis mercy all, immense and free For O my God, it found out me!

Chorus: 'Tis mercy all, immense and free For O my God, it found out me!

## AND CAN IT BE

Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray I woke, the dungeon flamed with light My chains fell off, my heart was free I rose, went forth and followed Thee!

Chorus: My chains fell off, my heart was free I rose, went forth and followed Thee!

## AND CAN IT BE - Vs 4

No condemnation now I dread Jesus, and all in Him is mine! Alive through Him, my living Head And clothed in righteousness divine Bold I approach th'eternal throne And claim the crown, through Christ my own

Chorus: Bold I approach th'eternal throne And claim the crown, through Christ my own Bold I approach th'eternal throne And claim the crown, through Christ my own