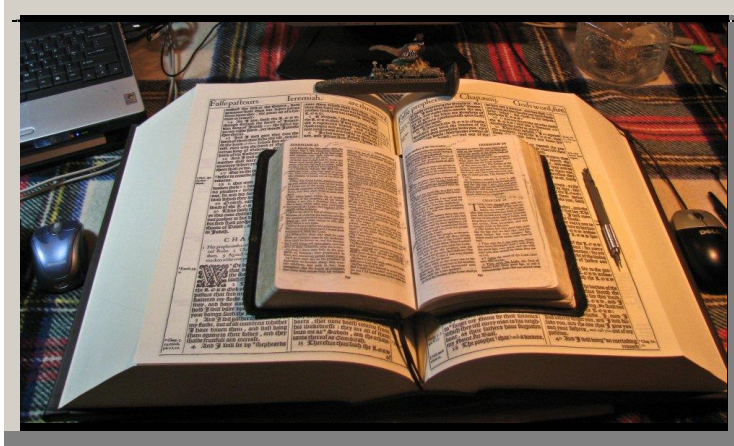


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Learning the Way of God More Perfectly



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Contrasts in Scriptures - Not Contradictions -

Introduction

Confusing today?

The Bible seems so confusing to people today.

- They have been told it is!
 - They have been shown apparent confusion!
 - They have been shown apparent contradictions (to the 'students')
- They have perceived the confusion and folly of Biblical teachings today!
 - **II Timothy 3:9** - *But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.*
- We have the Bible Believers who seem to be equally confused today!
 - They believe they can have this 'Godly understanding' without the Bible... an inner feeling, etc.
 - **I Corinthians 2:12,13**
 - **Colossians 1:9**
 - **I Corinthians 13:8**
- In his day, the Spirit would show them what Paul was teaching and through Paul, etc.
- But His word is NOT confusing nor was it ever meant to be!
- **Psalm 119:116** - *Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.*
- **Psalm 119:130** - *The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*

Today's Word of God

- **I Corinthians 13:10!**
 - King James Bible 1611!

- Not 90 AD, but in 1611.
- Historically!
- Doctrinally! - no contradictions
 - knowing dispensational application exposes error and false teachings, etc.
 - exposes the works of Satan/antichrist
- Perfect - no more translating corrections / 'polishing,' etc.
- Inerrant - without error
- Infallible - incapable of error
- Inspired
 - **I Thessalonians 2:13b** - *...ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.*
- Compare others, etc.!
 - **II Corinthians 2:17** - *For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.*
- Spiritually!
- Fruit over time - past / present / future!
- The hatred towards the KJB!
 - Even KJB guys still go to the Greek and Hebrew to prove their KJB.
 - **Acts 17:5** - *But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people.*

The Scriptures

- **II Timothy 3:16**
- **Romans 15:14**
- **Ephesians 1:13**

All Scripture is FOR us, but not TO us!

- **II Timothy 2:15**

Rightly divide instead of following profane and vain babblings...

- If not...
 - **Ephesians 4:17-21**
 - Lost Gentile's worldly wisdom
 - **I Timothy 6:20,21**
 - err concerning the faith
 - **II Timothy 2:16**
 - lead to an increase in ungodliness
 - cause you to be ashamed
 - **I Timothy 4:16**
 - *...in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.*
 - Great Commission was 'say.'
 - Great Commission of Paul is to do!
 - **Philemon 1:6**: That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.
 - **Colossians 2:4,8**

- *And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.*
- **II Corinthians 11:1-4**
 - *Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*

These so-called 'contradictions' are 'contrasts.'

- Pre-Moses / OT to NT / NT to Tribulation / Millennium to Eternity
 - Know where the OT ends and the NT begins!
- Beyond Paul!
 - Rightly divide during Paul and today - **I Corinthians 13:10**
 - Rightly divide the 'to' even within the Epistles
 - to women / men / husbands / wives / pastors / deacons / young people / church of God / Jews - Gentiles, etc.

<u>Israel and Prophecy</u> <u>Ezekiel 20:5</u>	<u>The Body and Mystery</u> <u>Ephesians 3:1-9</u>
Perhaps the most important division in the Bible consists of the difference between PROPHECY and the MYSTERY.	God's chosen people became disobedient. God responded by postponing the promises that He had made to them.
Prophecy belongs to God's chosen people, the nation of Israel.	On to the Gentiles: see Acts 13:46; 18:5-6; 26:16-17; 28:25-28
See Romans 9:4,5; Romans 3:1,2	He raised up a new apostle and revealed to him a MYSTERY.
Ezekiel 20:5. God chose His people Israel out from among the Gentiles.	This apostle, whose name became Paul, declared, " <i>...by revelation He made known unto me THE MYSTERY ... which in other ages was not made known... That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs... of the same body ... in Christ. Ephesians 3:1-9</i> "
He then promised them a Deliverer: See Matthew 1:23	Also see Ephesians 2:13-22

<p align="center"><u>The Nation Israel</u> <u>Ezekiel 37:21-23</u></p>	<p align="center"><u>The Nation Gentiles</u> <u>Romans 11:8-14</u></p>
<p>Throughout Scripture, there is often a clear distinction made between Israel as the Nation and Gentiles as the Nations. IN all ways,</p> <p>God makes it clear that the Israelites are His special, chosen people. Genesis 12:2,3</p> <p>They were told to stay away from Gentiles. Leviticus 18:24-30</p> <p>There were rebellious, stubborn and disobedient and though God had to frequently discipline and punish them, their eventual blessings and possessions were permanently written in prophecy.</p> <p>This applies to them as a nation, not as individual Jews. See John 3:7</p>	<p>Prophetically, Gentiles were to be blessed through the nation Israel. Genesis 12:3</p> <p>But at its present time of the Dispensation of the Grace of God, Gentiles are being saved, not through a glorified Israel, but because of a fallen Israel. However, this is a temporary condition.</p> <p>See Romans 11:25-27 See Romans 11:8-14 See Ephesians 3:2</p>

<p align="center"><u>Circumcision of the Flesh</u> <u>Genesis 17:1-14</u></p>	<p align="center"><u>Circumcision from the Flesh</u> <u>Colossians 2:11-17</u></p>
<p>Circumcision of the flesh was a vital part of identification as an Israelite.</p> <p>Romans 3:1,2 - <i>What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.</i></p>	<p>Circumcision FROM the flesh is a vital part of 'existence' today in order to have Christ IN us and us be IN HIM.</p> <p>We are cut away from our body of the sins of the flesh. Colossians 2:11</p> <p>The sword is the word of God. Hebrews 4:12</p> <p>The flesh still exists and causes us problems daily - but now we are not under the dominion of sin. It is not our 'choice' as to whether or not we choose to do right.</p> <p>This is how we are now 'dead to sin.' WE are no longer 'dead in our sins.' Ephesians 2:1,5</p> <p>This is how we are now capable of walking in the newness of life. We are not only dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:3-14 Romans 6:15-23</p> <p>Therein lies our personal battles today, as was Paul's. Romans 7:25</p> <p align="center">Note:</p>

In the Tribulation, the Spirit of God will be UPON them in order for them to 'DO' what they will have to do.

Acts 2:14-18

Revelation 14:6-7; 12

We have the Spirit of God in us today.

Romans 8:8,9

Further note:

Romans 3:30 - *Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.*

Galatians 6:15 - *For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.*

Ephesians 2:11-13 - *Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; (see **Colossians 2:11** - "...made without hands") *That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.**

Gospel of the Kingdom

Matthew 10:1,5-7

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea and saying,

"Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 3:1,2

"From that time Jesus began to preach and to say Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4:17.

That was the message preached to Israel. God had promised them a kingdom and a king - an earthly kingdom out of heaven and a King descended from David.

Isaiah 7:14

Matthew 1:22

Isaiah 9:6-7

However, Israel rejected their King - their Messiah!

The LORD set them aside...

Gospel of Grace

Acts 20:24

...and a new gospel was announced.

The Apostle Paul was commissioned to make know this new message.

Acts 20:24

Ephesians 3:2

Romans 3:24 - *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

Romans 11:6 - *And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.*

<p align="center"><u>Ministry of Jesus Christ</u> <u>Matthew 15:24,26</u></p>	<p align="center"><u>Ministry of Paul</u> <u>Romans 15:8-12</u></p>
<p>The earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ was to His own people Israel. John 1:11,14 John 4:22</p> <p>Not to go to the Gentiles yet. Matthew 6:31,32; 10:5,18; 15:24; 24:13,14.</p>	<p>To the Gentiles! It is that simple! Romans 15:16 Romans 15:18</p> <p>Acts 13:46; 18:6; 26:16-18,20; 28:28</p> <p>Ephesians 3:1,6-9</p> <p>Romans 1:16 - <i>For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.</i></p> <p>Romans 3:29 - <i>Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:</i></p> <p>Romans 11:11 - <i>I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.</i></p> <p>Romans 11:13 - <i>For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:</i></p> <p>I Corinthians 12:13 - <i>For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.</i></p> <p>Galatians 2:7,8 - <i>But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)</i></p> <p>Colossians 1:27 - <i>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:</i></p> <p>I Timothy 2:7 - <i>Whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity.</i></p> <p>II Timothy 1:11 - <i>Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.</i></p> <p>II Timothy 4:17 - <i>Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the</i></p>

lion.

They were forbidden by Jews and hindered by Satan to reach to the Gentiles.

I Thessalonians 2:14-18 - *For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews: Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost. But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire. Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.*

The Ministry of the Twelve Apostles

Matthew 10:1-15

The Great Commission

- **Matthew 28:19,20** - : *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*
- **Mark 16:14-20** - *Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*
- *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*
- *So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.*
- *And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and*

The Ministry of Paul

Romans 15:8-12

To the Gentiles! It is that simple!

- **Romans 15:16** - *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.*
- **Acts 13:46**
- **Acts 18:6**
- **Acts 26:16-18, 20**
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confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

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- **John 3:7** - *Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*

Not to the Gentiles yet!

- **Matthew 6:31-33** - *Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*
- **Matthew 10:5** - *These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:*
- **Matthew 10:18** - *And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.*
- **Matthew 15:24** - *But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*

The apostles doctrine during the Great Commission - BEFORE Paul!

- **Acts 2:41-47**

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Christ and Peter

Matthew 4:18-20

Under the Gospel of the Kingdom, the Apostle Peter was chosen to be the chief of the twelve apostles. **Matthew 16:19**

The Lord appointed him personally, encountering him face-to-face in the flesh.

Matthew 4:18-20.

Peter was close enough to Jesus that Jesus gave to him the *'keys of the kingdom of heaven.'*

Matthew 16:19

Peter was sought out by Satan himself.

Luke 22:31,32

He seems to still have used him today!

- Peter is being used today to further the 'wrong' gospel to Gentiles.
- Peter is considered by many to be the first pope.
- How could that be if Satan tried to use Peter to deny Christ, as he did?
- **Matthew 16:21-23**
- **Luke 22:54-62**

Paul even had to rebuke Peter for his misactions with the people.

- **Galatians 2:14:** *But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?*

Peter mentioned that Paul was hard to be understood.

II Peter 3:15,16

Peter's writings are written TO the people during the Tribulation.

- He teaches strict obedience to the law, faith and to follow Jesus.
- We can learn from the suffering verses that Peter wrote, but we don't have to fret the consequences that Peter also warned

Christ and Paul

Acts 9:15

On the other hand, under the gospel of the grace of God, the Apostle Paul was chosen to be the Lord's chief representative.

Paul also met with Jesus Christ but this time, it was the Risen Christ that Paul had met - and more than once, as well.

Face to face with the Risen Christ!

- **Acts 9:15.16**
- **Acts 20:24**
- **Acts 26:16**
- **Galatians 1:11,12**
- **I Corinthians 15:8**
- **II Corinthians 12:1-6**
- **Ephesians 3:3**

Paul's commission to the Gentiles was just as valid and important as Peter's was to the Jews.

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We are to follow Paul as he followed the Risen Christ!

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Throughout all of this, Peter was the apostle to the circumcision, not uncircumcision.

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Kingdom Church

Acts 2:42-47

During the Gospels, the 'church' was a synagogue, and Jesus preached & taught in them quite often - and even on the Sabbath.

Mark 1:21; 6:2

Luke 4:16 - his custom

Then we see in **Matthew 16:13-20** that Christ will build his church on what Peter believed, as it was taught by God, not by flesh & blood.

It makes sense that the church that Christ was going to be the head of during the Dispensation of Grace with Paul would not start until the death of Christ.

Hebrews 9:14-17.

Immediately after the resurrection, the church design is described in **Acts 2:42-47**. This is the church that Peter and the apostles were to 'build' as they were to go unto all the world with what Christians call the Great Commission with all the signs and healings, etc. following.

Church based on Apostles Doctrine:

- *And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.*
- *And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the*

The Church - the Body of Christ

Colossians 1:18-25

With Christ being our foundation as laid by Paul, we then see that Paul is our masterbuilder

Philippians 4:9

I Corinthians 3:10

Christ and the church is a great mystery!

Ephesians 5:23-32

- Christ is the head of the church!
- The church is subject unto Christ!
- Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it.
- It is sanctified and cleansed with the washing of water by the word.
- Christ will present the church to himself as a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; that that it should be holy and without blemish.
- Christ nourisheth and cherisheth the church.
- We are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. This is a reason that we needed to be spiritually circumcised (**Colossians 2:11-16**)

Purpose and Goal of the 'local church' as a pattern of what Christ has done with the 'universal' / 'invisible' church.

Ephesians 4:11-16

apostles.

- *And all that believed were together, and had all things common;*
- *And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.*
- *And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,*
- *Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*

- Perfecting of the saints
- The work of the ministry
- Edifying of the body of Christ
- Till...
 - come in the unity of the faith
 - come of the knowledge of the Son of God
 - come unto a perfect man
 - come unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ
- Be nor more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness whereby they lie in wait to deceive.
- Speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.
- The whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth...

Jews Great Commission

Mark 16:15-18

Also see **Matthew 28:19,20**
- read them closely - is that what we are to believe today?

Matthew 10-7-20

Follow Jesus

Matthew 16:24,25; 19:16-24; Mark 8:34-38; Luke 9:23-26

Paul's Greater Commission

II Corinthians 5:18

Acts 13:47 - *unto the ends of the earth.*

Paul's ways everywhere in every church!

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Acts 26:18 - Change!

Philippians 4:9

I Thessalonians 4:1

Philemon 6

The Mystery

Ephesians 3:6

Reconciliation

Ephesians 2

Colossians 1:20

Titus - sound doctrine today

Ephesians 2:10 - we are his workmanship now.

Romans 8:8 - can now please God

His prayers for us:

- **Ephesians 1:15-20**
- **Ephesians 3:14-21**
- **Philippians 1:9-11**
- **Colossians 1:9-11**

Titus 3:4-7

Fight of faith

II Timothy 4:2,5-8

Philippians 1:9,10

Christ, King of Israel

Matthew 2:1,2

The promise of a king and a kingdom was made to God's chosen people, not to us 'Gentiles.'

They were the ones promised a King.

- **Luke 1:31-33** - *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*

God delivered, but they killed him!

- **Acts 2:22-38**
- **Acts 3:12-26**

Peter does mention that the King they killed was going to have been sent to 'them that were afar

Christ, Head of the Body

Ephesians 1:18-23

**Is Christ our King today?
No!**

The god of this world reigns at this time.

- **II Corinthians 4:4** - *In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*
- **I Corinthians 5:5** - *To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.*
- **II Corinthians 2:11** - *Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his*

off,' the Gentiles.

Acts 2:39

And yes, He still was sent to them that were afar off, but not through anyone except Paul!

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- **Acts 13:46-48**
- **Acts 17:32-34; 18:1**
- **Acts 19:24-27**
- **Acts 26:16-23**
- **Acts 28:24-31**
- **Galatians 1:11-12**
- **Ephesians 3:1-7**

ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

- **I Thessalonians 2:18** - *Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.*
- **II Thessalonians 2:9** - *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*
- **I Timothy 1:20** - *Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.*
- **I Timothy 5:15** - *For some are already turned aside after Satan.*

He is King today only because He is King of kings over all creation.

- **I Timothy 1:17** - *Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*
- **I Timothy 6:15** - *Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;*

The King of kings then made himself available to those that were afar off through Paul.

- **Ephesians 2:13-22**

He will be the King of kings on this earth - some day - king over everyone..

- **Revelation 19:11-16**
- **Revelation 11:15**

Today

He is the head over all things to the church, which is His body...

Ephesians 1:22,23

We are members of His body!

Ephesians 5:30

He is our Head!

Grace in a Dispensation

[Psalm 84:11](#)

There was never a time when God did not exercise grace in dealing with His people.

Psalm 84:11 - *For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.*

God has bestowed His grace in many specific instances and to accomplish certain goals in accordance with His plan and purpose.

Ezra 9:7-9 - *And said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens. Since the days of our fathers have we been in a great trespass unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. For we were bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.*

Proverbs 3:34 - *Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.*

Psalm 45:2 - *Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.*

The Dispensation of Grace

[Ephesians 2:8,9](#)

Today, instead of praying for and trying to live upright enough - approaching the throne, etc. for His grace, we live in the Dispensation of Grace.

Although salvation was always by grace through faith, there was, in past dispensations, an additional ingredient: certain works were required in order to prove genuine and sincere faith.

Habakkuk 2:4 - *Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.*

Note this statement by Jesus Christ as he sent out His apostles: *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved."*

See how different the salvation is today:

Ephesians 2:8,9 - *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*

Romans 4:5 - *But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.*

Ephesians 1:13,14 - *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

Grace Today

Ephesians 3:8 - *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;*

II Thessalonians 2:16 - *Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting*

consolation and good hope through grace,

I Timothy 1:14 - *And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.*

Titus 2:11 - *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,*

Titus 3:7 - *That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

God's Promise to Israel

Genesis 12:1-3

Genesis 12:1-3 - *Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*

But, because they were disobedient, Israel has been set aside and their promised kingdom is held in abeyance (The condition of being temporarily set aside).

Note:

Read **Leviticus 26** for details of God's punishment to them if they ever chose to not hearken unto Him

- by choosing to not do all His commandments
- if they despise His statutes
- if their soul abhorred His judgments.
- Then, look at what is going on in the world today... could it all be a preparation for the Tribulation to the Jews - and we are to really have no part in it?
 - **II Timothy 2:4** - *No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to*

God's Promise to the Body of Christ

Ephesians 1:12-14

Because Israel's future has been put on hold, God has ushered in a new dispensation with a different promise.

Israel's promise is earthly, but the promises to the present church, the Body of Christ, are heavenly.

- **Ephesians 3:1-12** - The mystery now revealed...
- **Ephesians 1:12-14** - *That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*
- **Philippians 3:20,21** - *For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.*
- **Ephesians 4:11-15** - *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets;*

be a soldier.

However, God never withdraws a commitment.

Though He has temporarily set the Israelites aside, even Paul the apostle wrote...

- **Romans 11:1** - *Hath God cast away His people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.*
- **Galatians 3:17,18** - *And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul that it should make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise: but God gave it to Abraham by promise.*
- **Romans 11:26,27** - *And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*

Isaiah 54:7,8 - *For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.*

Future Covenant Coming

Hebrews 8:6-13 - *But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws*

and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

- **Colossians 3:4** - *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*
- **II Timothy 3:17** - *That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.*
- **I Thessalonians 3:10** - *Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?*
- **Colossians 4:12** - *Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God.*
- **Colossians 1:28** - *Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:*
- **Philippians 3:15** - *Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.*

*into their mind, and write them in their hearts:
and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to
me a people: And they shall not teach every man
his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying,
Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the
least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their
unrighteousness, and their sins and their
iniquities will I remember no more. In that he
saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old.
Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready
to vanish away.*

God's Assurance to Israel

[Jeremiah 31:31-34](#)

God's first words of 'assurance' to His chosen people Israel.

If they had walked in His statutes, and kept His commandments,
and did them:

Leviticus 26:3-13

But if they did not hearken unto Him and did not do all His
commandments; and if their soul abhorred His judgments:

Leviticus 26:14-39

If they would have confessed their iniquity, and the iniquity of
their fathers...:

Leviticus 26:40-45

And this was all 'arranged' in mount Sinai with the hand of
Moses.

Leviticus 26:46

A lot more was 'said' than just the 'big Ten,' eh!

God and His mercy!

Good figs!

Jeremiah 24:5-7

Evil figs!

Jeremiah 24:8-10

**Future covenant getting ready to be implemented - soon
maybe?**

Hebrews 8:8-13 - *For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold,
the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. Not
according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the*

God's Assurance to the Body of

[Christ - us today!](#)

[Colossians 3:4](#)

We are blessed above all past
dispensations, in that we are
recipients of a complete portion
which cements our destiny once
and for all.

Our standing is permanently
established.

I Corinthians 3:15

Both for the sincere and insincere
Christian.

I Corinthians 15:51,52

Philippians 3:21

Colossians 1:9-14

Colossians 2:9-17

Colossians 3:3-4

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Titus 3:3-7

Ephesians 1:12-14

Ephesians 1:18-20

day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Ephesians 2:1-9

Ephesians 2:10, if you dare!

Ephesians 2:11-22

Ephesians 3:1-12

and so much more... read the [Promises through Paul!](#)

The Law Before the Cross

Deuteronomy 4:5-8

Until the work of Christ was completed, people had lived under the law.

What and when God commanded, the people were to obey under threat of punishment.

Leviticus 26

Moses was the dispenser of God's commandments.

Deuteronomy 4:5-6 - *Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.*

God had prophets teach and preach the law.

In fact, there are a number of verses that use the phrase, *"the law and the prophets..."*

- **Matthew 7:12** - *Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.*
- **Luke 1:70** - *As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which*

The Law After the Cross

Galatians 2:15,16

John 1:17 - *For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.*

How different it still is today now that we are even past Jesus' time.

It has to be 'after' the cross that it all took affect!

- **Hebrews 9:16,17** - *For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.*
- *For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.*

Our apostle declares that a man is justified without the deeds of the law. FAITH!

- See **Romans 3:27,28** - *Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.*
- Compare that to the Old Testament who had to live by their own faith!
 - See **Habakkuk 2:4** - *Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.*

Dead to the law

have been since the world began:

- **Luke 16:31** - *And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.*

Jesus came to fulfil the law!

- **Matthew 5:17** - *Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.*
- **Luke 18:31** - *Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.*
- **Luke 24:25-27** - *Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*

God exhorted:

- **Numbers 15:40,41** - *That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God. I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.*

When Solomon had finished building the temple, God admonished him:

- **II Chronicles 7:17-20** - *And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments; Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have*

- **Romans 7:6-7** - *But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.*
- *What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.*
- **Romans 5:13** - *(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.*
- **Romans 3:30,31** - *See it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.*
- *Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law.*
- **Romans 3:20** - *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*
- **Romans 3:21,22** - *But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;*
- *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:...*

Mind vs flesh

- **Romans 7:25** - *I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.*

Faith in Christ gives us the Faith of Christ

- **Galatians 2:16** - *Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*
- **Galatians 2:16** - *Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ.*
- **Romans 3:22** - *Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:*

covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel. But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them; Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.

- **Galatians 2:20** - *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*
- **Galatians 3:22** - *But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*
- **Philippians 3:9** - *And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:*

Schoolmaster - the law still has a purpose!

- **Galatians 3:19-29** - *Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one, but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*
- *But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*
- *But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

Gentiles & the law during the Old Testament

- **Romans 2:14-15** - *For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the*

things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

The Sabbath and Israel Yestertime

Exodus 31:12-17

The Sabbath is not, and never has been, for this or any other body of believers except the nation of Israel.

- **Exodus 31:12-17** - *And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.*

The Sabbath was severely adhered to under threat of punishment.

- **Numbers 15:32-36** - *And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day. And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should*

The Sabbath and the Body of Christ Today

Colossians 2:13-17

The subject of the Sabbath Day is a constant issue of contention among Christians and religious organizations.

Some legalistic cults and denominations and Christians themselves even make it a vital part of their doctrinal teaching and belief.

Some go so far as to base their entire structure of doctrine on the keeping of the Sabbath.

7th Day Adventists teach that when Sunday becomes the universal 'law' for everyone to worship, then the antichrist will come. In other words, worshipping on Sunday - which they believe is the Sabbath, will be the mark of the beast.

- A certain misapplication of **Revelation 13:8** - *And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

The Apostle Paul makes very clear the fact that we who are saved under the Gospel of the grace of God have no connection whatever with the keeping of the Sabbath.

- **Colossians 2:16** - *Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:*

He firmly reprimanded the Galatians:

- **Galatians 4:9-11** - *But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and*

be done to him. And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp. And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

And yet, even in the gospels, Jesus Himself did activity on the Sabbath!

- **Matthew 12:1** - *At that time Jesus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.*
- **Matthew 12:10-12** - *And, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.*
- **Mark 6:2** - *And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue:...*
- **Luke 6:6** - *And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.*
- **Luke 6:7** - *And the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him.*
- **John 5:16** - *And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.*

Jesus' response to the complaints of His activity on the Sabbath:

- **Matthew 12:8** - *For the Son of man is*

beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

Note: A personal Bible study will show that to a Christian, the first day of the week is far more important than the seventh.

- **Acts 20:7** - *And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.*
- **I Corinthians 16:2** - *Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.*

Lord even of the sabbath day.

- **Luke 6:9** - *Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?*
- **John 7:23** - *If a man on the sabbath day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?*

Forgiveness in the Kingdom Gospel

Mark 11:25,26

The power of the forgiveness of sin is, and always was, in God's hands.

But He has not always dealt with the process in precisely the same manner.

In the gospels, we see...

- **Mark 11:25,26** - *And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*
- **Luke 6:37** - *Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:*
- **Matthew 6:12** - *And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

The condition is clear - forgive so that God can forgive you.

That isn't the way it is today! (read on...)

Then we see that the 'forgiveness of sin' certainly wasn't complete..

- **Matthew 26:28** - *For this is my blood*

Forgiveness in the Grace Gospel

Ephesians 4:32

Paul's mission:

- **Acts 26:18** - *To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.*

Paul's teachings about forgiveness:

- **Ephesians 4:32** - *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*
- **Ephesians 1:7** - *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*
- **Colossians 1:14** - *In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*
- **Colossians 2:13** - *And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;*
- **Romans 4:5-8** - *But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, Saying, Blessed are they whose*

of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

- **Mark 1:4** - *John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.*
- **Hebrews 9:22** - *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*
- **Acts 2:38** - *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

There was then and will be in the Tribulation, etc. a need for confessing of sins in order to be forgiven...

- **I John 1:9** - *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

- **Romans 4:15** - *Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.*
- **Romans 4:22** - *And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;*

Access to God Before Paul's Gospel

Hebrews 9:1-8

Leviticus 16:1-3

- Under the old covenant, God could not be directly approached. Instead, a duly ordained priest acted always as an intermediary.
- Even the priest had to perform under rigid instructions.

Leviticus 16:29,30-34

- The Lord then continued with specific orders as to the performance of the priest.
- The holy place was located (after the second veil) in the tabernacle; only the priest could pass through the veil and only as so meticulously instructed.
- **Hebrews 9:1-7** - *Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of*

Access to God During and After Paul's Gospel

Ephesians 2:13-18

But as the Lord Jesus Christ hung dying on Calvary's cross,

Mark 15:37-38 - *Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.*

Matthew 27:51 - *And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;*

Luke 23:45 - *And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.*

Ephesians 2:11-22

- **We were without God!**
 - **11,12** - *Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye*

divine service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.

- *And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.*
- *Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:*

Jesus' work!

- **Hebrews 9:11-14** - *But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;*
- *Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.*
- *For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

The 'Real' New Testament

were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

- **Made nigh**
 - **13** - *But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*
- **Broken Down the wall...**
 - **14** - *For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;*
- **A Reconciled Peace**
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 - **17** - *And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.*
- **Access unto the Father!**
 - **18** - *For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.*
- **Building fitly framed - Jews & Gentiles!**
 - **19-22** - *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

The Mystery of God Paul presents!

- **Ephesians 3:6** - *That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the*

- **Hebrews 9:15-28** - *And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.*
- *For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.*
- *Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.*
- *Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*
- *It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.*
- *For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:*
- *Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;*
- *For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.*
- *And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:*

gospel:

Our life is hid with Christ in God

- **Colossians 3:1-4** - *If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.*
- *Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*
- *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

More:

- **Romans 5:1,2** - *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*
- **Ephesians 3:12** - *In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.*
- **Romans 8:34-39** - *Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.*
- *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*
- *As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*
- *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.*
- *For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,*
- *Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
- **I Thessalonians 5:16** - *Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ*

- *So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*

Jesus concerning you.

In Whom

- **Ephesians 1:7-12** - *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*
- *Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:*
- *That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:*
- *In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*
- *That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.*

Tribulational Times

- **Hebrews 4:14-16** - *Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.*
- *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*
- *Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

Great White Throne Judgment

Revelation 20:7-15
For all the Lost

Romans 2:1-11

Those who strive to:

Judgment Seat of Christ

Romans 14:10-13
For all the Saved During Paul's Dispensation and today.

We see today, though, that in order to be judged by Jesus Christ according to Paul's gospel, we must follow Paul's gospel the details of our

- follow the law
- escape the judgment of God
- despise the goodness, forbearance and longsuffering of God.
- follow their own works!

God will render to every man according to his deeds.

Revelation 20:11

Accountable for every word.

- **Matthew 12:35-37** - *A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*
- **Matthew 15:18-20** - *But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.*

Everlasting Fire

- **Matthew 25:41** - *Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:*

Does God know you?

- **Matthew 7:21-23** - *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many*

judgment today - for Christians.

- **Romans 2:16** - *In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.*
- **Romans 14:10-13** - *But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.*
- **I Corinthians 3:10-15**
- **II Corinthians 5:10** - *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*
- **Colossians 3:23-25** - *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.*
- **I Timothy 5:24,25** - *Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after. Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.*
- **Romans 4:6** - *Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,*
- **Romans 11:6** - *And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.*
- **Galatians 2:16** - *Knowing that a man is*

wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Terror of the Lord!

- **II Corinthians 5:11** - *Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.*

Also see the details in **Daniel 7**

not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

- **Ephesians 2:8,9** - *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

We will be accountable for our works!

Tribulation Times

- **Hebrews 13:17**
- Also see **Daniel 7** - However, we won't be the ones judged; we will be serving Christ through it all.

Jews & Gentiles Before Paul's Gospel

Matthew 10:5,6

During the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ before He was crucified, Gentiles were specifically excluded.

Not to the Gentiles... yet

- **Matthew 10:5,6** - *These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*
- **Matthew 6:31,32** - *Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*

Jews & Gentiles With Paul's Gospel

Galatians 3:28

After Christ had finished the work that He had come to do, Paul was then able to assure the Gentile Christians from the Risen Christ!

But now:

- **Ephesians 2:13-16** - *But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*
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- *And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:*

He had come particularly to '*His own - Israel*'

- **John 1:11,12**), and He ministered exclusively to them.
- **John 1:11** - *He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*

Christ was Israel's Messiah whose coming was prophesied.

- His mission was "*...to confirm the promises made unto the fathers of Israel - Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.*"
- **Romans 15:8** - *Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:*

All things were accomplished - fulfilled!

- **John 19:28** - *After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.*
- **John 14:22-31** - Fulfilled to the Jew in the Great Commission.

The Apostle Paul reminded his Gentile people: **Ephesians 2:11,12**

- *Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;*
- *That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:*

Judgment onto the Gentiles

- As **Romans 2:14,15** states, their conscience is involved.
- *For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not*

Expounding the Way of God More Perfectly

- **Acts 18:26** - *...expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.*

A More Excellent Way

- **I Corinthians 12:31** - *...shew I unto you a more excellent way.*

Forbad to speak to the Gentiles

- **I Thessalonians 2:16** - *Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.*

Paul Hindered by Satan

- **I Thessalonians 2:18** - *Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.*

All into One

- **I Corinthians 12:13** - *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

Jews Concerning the Gospel

- **Romans 11:28 - 28** - *As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.*

All are One

- **Galatians 3:28** - *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Both Buildded Together for Habitation of God

- **Ephesians 2:19-22** - *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of*

the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

Paul also reminds all that their consciences are seared.

- **I Timothy 4:2** - ... having their conscience seared with a hot iron;...

Christ was WITH the Jews during the Gospel days!

the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Christ dwells in us by faith:

- **Romans 8:9** - *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*
- **Romans 8:11** - *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*
- **Ephesians 3:17** - *That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love ...*
- **Galatians 2:20** - *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

During the Tribulation

- **Revelation 14:6-13**
- **II Thessalonians 2:9-12**

Saved Jews/Gentiles Gone!

- **Romans 11:25** - *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.*
- **I Thessalonians 5:9** - *For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,*

Water Baptism

John 1:29-31

Water baptism belongs to the kingdom gospel through John..

- **Matthew 3:1-11**
- **Mark 1:4,8**
- It was water with John's baptism.

This was all promised to the nation Israel.

The only other water baptisms recorded are still in reference to the Jews.

- **Acts 2:38** was a reference to baptism, but not in relation to 'salvation' before or after.

Acts 8:26-40

- **Acts 8:37** is another 'famous' baptism reference, but again, we see that the 'doctrine' behind it does not show Paul's teachings whatsoever - just the typical teaching that the Jews had to confess that Jesus was the Christ - their Messiah, etc.
- We have falsely used **Acts 8:37** to prove baptism 'after' salvation. In all truth, this verse can not be used at all for any example to us today!

Note:

- We can't use Jesus'

Spirit Baptism I Corinthians 12:12,13

Acts 1:5

- Speaking to His apostles after His resurrection, Christ said: "*John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*"
- Shortly thereafter, on the day of Pentecost, *There came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind... and there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*" **Acts 2:2,3**

But even all that was before Paul - he states one baptism -

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- **John 1:29-31**

Jesus never did baptize with water, only the Holy Ghost.

- **John 1:33**
- **Mark 1:8**
- **John 4:2** - (*Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,*)

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Water Baptism & the Apostles

Matthew 28:16-19

The eleven (later, twelve) went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them... and Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, *All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Matthew 28:16-19*

Water baptism was a requirement under the gospel of the kingdom.

Peter and the eleven were sent to baptize.

Baptism was essential to the process of salvation; not because it had saving power, but because failure to submit to the ritual revealed the lack of sincere faith.

Mark 16:16 - *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*

So it was with the ministry of the twelve apostles as they were sent forth by the Lord Jesus Christ as He accompanied with them in His earthly presence.

But then He was sacrificed on the cross at Calvary. He died, was buried, arose and ascended to the right hand of His Father in heaven.

Because Israel had rejected Him and after the time of the Great Commission where the apostles really 'took some heat' for what they

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LORD came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abi-ezer was gathered after him.

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- **Judges 15:14** - *And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against him: and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands.*

II Samuel 23:2 - *The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue.*

- **II Chronicles 24:20** - *And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.*
- **Isaiah 61:1** - *The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;*
- **Ezekiel 11:5** - *And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them.*

- **I Corinthians 6:19,20** - *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*
- **Romans 8:9** - *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*
- **Romans 8:11** - *But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*
- **Ephesians 1:13,14** - *In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

One Spirit!

- **Ephesians 4:4-6** - *There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.*

Our access unto the Father!

- **Ephesians 2:18** - *For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.*

Prays for us!

- **Romans 8:26** - *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

Grieve not - Quench not!

- **Ephesians 4:30** - *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*
- **I Thessalonians 5:19** - *Quench not the Spirit.*

The Spirit of God also departed when done or quenched, etc.

- **I Samuel 16:14** - *But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.*

Gospels

Not yet given!

- **John 7:39** - *(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

Promise Given

- **Luke 24:49** - *endued with power from on high*
- **John 14:15-26** - *The Comforter*
- **Acts 1:8** - *But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...*

Fulfilled for the Great Commission

- **Acts 2:4** - *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*
- **Acts 5:11,12-16** - *given to Apostles were many signs and wonders to be wrought among the people...*
- **Mark 16:15-20** - *...confirming the word with signs following.*

The work of the Holy Spirit was to descend upon the disciples, fill them and endue them with power, enabling them to perform miraculous acts. This all took place in Jerusalem, involving Jews, in the program of Israel.

We are to walk 'after' then 'in' the Spirit.

- **Romans 8:1** - *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
- **Romans 8:4** - *That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
- **Galatians 5:25** - *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*

The "Circumcisor" and the KJB!

- **Colossians 2:11** - *In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:*
- **Hebrews 4:12** - *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*
- **Ephesians 6:17b** - *..and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

Fruit of...

- **Galatians 5:22,23** - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

The understanding before the KJB!

- **I Thessalonians 1:5-7** - *For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.*

Today - The Scriptures - the KJB!

- **I Corinthians 13:10** - *But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be*

done away.

Future - Tribulation

- They will be judged according to their fleshly works, so they had better have the Spirit of God UPON their flesh!
 - **Acts 2:16-21** - *But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams...*
 - **Revelation 14:11b, 12** - *...they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.*

Prayers of the Kingdom Saints

Matthew 21:22

While ministering to Israel during His physical presence on earth, Christ promised His disciples...

Matthew 21:22 - *All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.*

Mark 11:24 - *What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

John 15:7 - *Ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

When asked by a disciple, ...**Teach us to pray...** the Lord instructed them to pray for the promised kingdom to be established on the earth, to pray for God to provide them with food each day, to forgive them for their sins.

Matthew 6:5-13 - *And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may*

Prayers of the Body Saints

Romans 8:26,27

Today, our prayer life is under the guidance of our own apostle, Paul, who tells us:

Romans 8:26-27 - *Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

Peace of God

Philippians 4:6,7 - *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Without wrath and doubting

be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

All of the above is related only to the chosen people Israel.

But Israel has no identification in the world today. God has blinded them and set them aside for a time, "*until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.*" **Romans 11:25**, meaning until the close of the dispensation of the grace of God in which we now live.

I Timothy 2:8 - *I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.*

Ephesians 6:18 - *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;*

I Thessalonians 5:17 - *Pray without ceasing.*

Paul prayed for others/us...

...in ways that would be models for us to be praying and doing whatever we can to see these prayers answered in our children's, friends, etc. lives as well as in our own.

1.

Ephesians 1:16 - 19 - *Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,*

2.

Ephesians 14-19 - *For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

3.

Philippians 1:9-11 - *And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ,*

unto the glory and praise of God.

4.

Colossians 1:9-11 - For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

<u>What Peter Preached at Jerusalem</u> <u>Acts 3:12-23</u>	<u>What Paul Preached at Antioch</u> <u>Acts 13:14-41</u>
The apostle Peter, preaching to the Jews, declared: Acts 2:22-36	How different was the Apostle Paul's sermon, delivered after He had been appointed to be the dispenser of grace, He too began with, "Men of Israel." Acts 13:16
Their response was: Acts 2:37	But he had a different message for them. Acts 13:14-41
Peter's answer was: Acts 2:38,40b	Paul knew what Christ had accomplished on the cross: Acts 13:38,39.
The response of those who gladly received his word was: Acts 2:41-47	The response to Paul's words? Acts 13:42-45
<hr/>	Paul's response to their response: Acts 13:46-47
Another time, Peter spoke to the Jews: Acts 3:12-26	The response from the Gentiles: Acts 13:48,49
Their response: Acts 4:1-7	The response from the Jews: Acts 13:50
Peter's answer: Acts 4:8-12	The response from Paul (and Barnabas): Acts 13:51
Their response:	God's response to it all:

Acts 4:13-18

Peter and John's answer:

Acts 4:19,20

Their response:

Acts 4:21

Acts 13:52

A little dirty play after it all from the Jews!

Acts 14:1-2

Thus when he was ever asked, "What must I do to be saved?" Paul could answer:

Acts 16:30,31

Bonus speech from Paul at Mars' Hill:

Acts 17:22-31

The response was:

Acts 17:32-34

Second Advent

Zechariah 14:1-4

His first 'official' appearance -

- **I Timothy 3:16** - *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.*

Although, during the Old Testament He appeared as the Angel of the LORD.

- He appeared many times, but not in the flesh, during the Old Testament, as the glory of the Lord.
- **Exodus 33:22,23** - *And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a clift of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: And I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.*

He Shall Return!

- **Acts 1:9-11** - *And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was*

Glorious Appearing

Titus 2:11-14

His first appearing, through Paul again.

- **II Timothy 1:9-12**

Planned from the beginning!

- **Ephesians 3:9** - *And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:*

"Rapture"

- **I Corinthians 15:51-58** - *Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 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. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is*

taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?

- *this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*

The Return in Like Manner - The Second Advent -

- **II Thessalonians 1:7-10** - *And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:*
- *Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.*
- **Zechariah 14:1-4** - *Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.*
- *For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.*
- *Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.*
- *And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.*
- **Zechariah 14:5-9** - *And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea,*

thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

- **Titus 2:13** - *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.*
- **I Thessalonians 4:15-18** - *For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

The Biblical name for the rapture!

- **Romans 11:25** - *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.*

Paul referring to the Second Coming?

- **Colossians 3:4** - *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

The Future?

- Tribulation AFTER the rapture!
 - **II Thessalonians 2:13-17**

ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

- *And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:*
- *But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.*
- *And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.*
- *And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.*

His return shall end the Tribulation'

- **Matthew 24:27-30** - *For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*
- *For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

Dinner is served!

- **Revelation 19:17,18** - *And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and*

- **I Timothy 3:1-9**

Until Then

- **II Thessalonians 2:13-17**

As we near the Tribulation:

We can see 'signs' of the daily details beginning to work their way into daily life. See **Jeremiah 33:11; 25:10.**

Speak Paul's sound doctrine

- With authority of the King James Bible
- **Titus 2:15** - *These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.*
- **I Timothy 6:14** - *That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Saved from wrath:

- **I Thessalonians 1:9-10** - *For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.*
- **I Thessalonians 5:1-9** - *But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of*

*the flesh of all men, both free and bond,
both small and great.*

**In preparation - as the Tribulation draws near,
we are seeing the falling away, which includes...**

- Concerning Christians
 - **I Timothy 4:1**
 - **II Timothy 3:1-9**
 - **Jeremiah 25:10; 33:11**
 - Devil
 - **Revelation 16:13,14**
 - **II Thessalonians 2:2-11**
 - **Jeremiah 33:11**
 - **Jeremiah 25:10**
 - voice of joy
 - voice of mirth
 - voice of gladness
 - voice of the bridegroom
 - voice of the bride
 - the sound of the millstones
 - the light of the candle
 - voice of them that say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever
 - the voice of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD.
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The Real Jesus or 'Another Jesus?'

- Which one are people preparing & watching for?
 - **Revelation 6** vs **Revelation 19**
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Bible Books of Hebrews to Jude

- These are "Tribulational Books" with Tribulational doctrine that is written FOR us but certainly not TO us. These teachings differ from Paul's - see **Galatians 1:6-9**
 - **Jude 14,15** - *And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly*
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the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

- **Romans 5:9** - *Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*
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More support for the Rapture!

- The Holy Spirit is to be removed before the Tribulation. **II Thessalonians 2:1-8**
 - In the **Book of Revelation**, the Church as we know it from Paul is not seen on earth after **Chapter three** until **Chapter nineteen**.
 - The Translation of Church-age saints is said to be imminent. The Second Advent comes after specific signs.
 - The Church is a mystery unrevealed in the O.T. **Ephesians 3:1-6**
 - **The Book of Revelation** reveals that the Church as we know it through Paul is not on Earth during the Tribulation.
 - The church is not seen in **chapters 4-18**.
 - The witness for God in the earth is Israel.
 - The prayers of **Revelation** are those of judgment. Only Israel prayed those prayers.
 - The scorpion-like creatures of **Rev 9** are given freedom to hurt all except those Jews sealed by the angel of **Revelation 7**.
 - **Revelation 10** identifies the events of **Revelation 4-18** with those foretold by O.T. prophets.
 - The ministry of the two witnesses of **Revelation 11** identifies them with Israel, etc. They minister from Jerusalem, Israel's capital.
 - The church-age believer's judgment is forever past.
 - The devil persecutes Israel, not the church.
 - etc.
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committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

From Paul

- **I Thessalonians 2:19** - *For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?*
- **I Thessalonians 3:13** - *To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.*
- **I Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Healing in the Gospels & Great Commission **Acts 5:16**

The apostles doctrine included healing. We see from reading **Acts 5:11-6:15**, that the apostles were truly reaping the proper results from their carrying through of the Great Commission.

Mark 16:15-20 shows the 'results' of the apostles doctrine as they were to be taught in what many call the Great Commission.

This was all preached and 'expected' as the Scriptures state, but it was all BEFORE Paul!

Thus we see in today's Christianity teachings that are being taught in the wrong time of dispensation.

These teachings do not match with Paul. See **Galatians 1:6**.

Healing During Paul's Gospel Days & Today **Acts 14:8-10**

Keep in mind that in Paul's early ministry, he did heal!

Acts 14:8-10
Acts 19:11-20

Even in the final chapter, Paul was still healing. See **Acts 28:3-9**.

But as we saw makes the firm statement that now it is all passed on to the Gentiles. **Acts 28:28,29a**. *Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it. And when he had said these words, the Jews departed...*

Yet, in the latter times of his ministry, Paul was not able to heal anyone.

I Timothy 5:23
II Timothy 4:20

Healing is done today! God can heal anyone anytime, but he will not confuse his teachings nor will he have to use any special person to do it through.

Can the devil heal? Sure - why not. Are you not aware yet of all that he will be doing when it comes to signs, wonders, miracles, etc. That would certainly include healing, too. Read the Scriptures and know who is working in your life: the devil or the Lord!

The Way of God

Matthew 22:16

Jesus taught the way of God in truth - *"...teachest the way of God truly."*

- Also see:
 - **Mark 12:14**
 - **Luke 20:21**

Father's will of 'it' and 'him' to Jesus.

- **John 6:39,40** -*And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

Jesus directly is still the way, of course.

- **John 6:6** - *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*

But... see Paul now for Jesus' way more perfectly - through Paul!

- **Ephesians 3:8** - *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;*

The Way of God More Perfectly

Acts 18:26

But today, Jesus' way is through what He revealed to Paul. It isn't a 'different' gospel, as we know 'different,' but it is more complete.

We are passed the Gospels, now we are on with time - to the dispensation of grace - through Paul, as the risen Jesus Christ taught to Paul personally.

The word '*perfect*' can be defined within the King James Bible if you look to **II Chronicles 8:16**.

You will see that *perfect* doesn't mean without error, etc. although God's way is without error, of course.

When we let the Scriptures define words, we see that *perfect* means finished - completed.

Jesus' will of 'it' and 'him' passed on to Paul, just more perfectly now.

- **Colossians 1:12,13** - *Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:*

More excellent way!

- **I Corinthians 12:31** - *... yet shew*

I unto you a more excellent way.

Judgment based on Paul's teachings.

- **Romans 2:16** - *In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.*

Paul's ways in every church!

- **I Corinthians 4:17:** *For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.*

Way of salvation!

- **Acts 16:17:** *The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.*

Any other way is wrong, no matter what it is.

- **Galatians 1:6-9**

Paul's ways show you to the God of peace!

- **Philippians 4:9** - *Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.*

Paul's ways are still in Christ

- ...but they are the teachings of the Risen Christ to the Gentiles, not the Gospel Christ's teachings to the Jews.
- **I Corinthians 4:17** - *For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved*

son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

Exhort by the Lord Jesus

- **I Thessalonians 4:1** - *Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.*

In Time Past
Ephesians 2:11

Ephesians 2:11 - Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

The course of this world.

- **Ephesians 2:2,3** - *Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.*

Paul had his past.

- **Galatians 1:23** - *But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.*
- **Galatians 1:13** - *For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews'*

But Now
Ephesians 2:13

But now...

- **Ephesians 2:13-18** - *But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.*

But we...

- **II Thessalonians 2:13-17** - *But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of*

religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:

Unbelief

- **Romans 11:30** - *For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief:*
- **Galatians 3:23**: *But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed.*
- **II Timothy 3:9** - *But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.*

the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

But before...

- **Galatians 3:23-26** - *But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.*

In Ages to Come

Ephesians 2:7 - *That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*

- That was written in Paul's time and so any mention of the word "beyond" is why I call our ways, "**Beyond Paul**" in today's 'age.
- We are able to learn of the exceeding riches of his grace today by learning Paul's teachings.'
- We are in the 'age' for these things as we now have that which is perfect, the KJB - the source of these riches!

Colossians 2:2 - *That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;*

Ephesians 1:16-18 - *Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of*

glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints...

Tribulation

- **II Thessalonians 2:3-12**
- **Luke 21:22** - *For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.*
- **Romans 11:25** - *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.*

Rapture

- **I Thessalonians 4:13-18** - *But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 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. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*

Millennium / Eternity

- **Isaiah 9:7**
- **Revelation 20:2-7**
- **Revelation 11:15** - *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this*

world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

- **Revelation 21:1-6** - *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth ...*

Subsistence of Kingdom Saints

Matthew 6:25-34

Subsistence: *That which supplies the means of living; as money, pay or wages... especially means barely sufficient to maintain life.*

Instructing His apostles as He sent them on their missionary journeys, Jesus told them,

- **Matthew 6:25-34** - *Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:;) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Subsistence of NT Body Saints

II Thessalonians 3:10-12

Subsistence: *That which supplies the means of living; as money, pay or wages... especially means barely sufficient to maintain life.*

There are many people today who try to just sit back and 'allow' God to take care of them in the same manner that God did in the apostles day.

Yes, if they believe the Gospels to be TO us today, and if they believe they should follow the apostles doctrine, then those verses in **Matthew** and **Luke** should be believed - and folks ought to quit trying to make provisions for themselves - especially if they are missionaries, etc.

So, why do they need deputation?
Who takes care of the pastor today?

Of course, anyone knows that it doesn't work that way today. Once again, we see the folly of a Christianity built on the Gospels, not on Paul.

- **II Timothy 3:9** - *But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.*

Sure, we have those brethren who take care of each other, and they should, if they are able.

- **I Timothy 6:17-19** - *Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they do good, that they be rich in good works,*

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

- **Luke 9:3** - *And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.*

The apostles were to rely wholly on miraculous provision from heaven.

Note: As Jesus ministry ended and his prophetic purpose was about to come to an end, He eventually told them:

- **Luke 22:35-37** - *When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.*

ready to distribute, willing to communicate; Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

- **Galatians 6:9,10** - *And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.*
- **Ephesians 4:28** - *Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.*
- And of course, God has repeatedly shown us his grace in how He has provided through other brethren, as well the lost.

But we also have mooches and beggars and whiners waiting and actually expecting the brethren to care for them, pay their bills, buy their treats, etc.

We must remember that we are living in a different dispensation. Our instructions come from our apostle Paul:

- **II Thessalonians 3:10** - *For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.*
- **I Timothy 5:8** - *But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.*

Here is a great verse from **Proverbs** on how much we need to 'have.'

Remember, because this is from the OT, we ought to know we have to get out as well, and earn our keep.

However, these two things are good for us to remember as we attempt to provide for ourselves and our families.

- **Proverbs 30:7-9** - *Two things have I*

required of thee; deny me them not before I die: Remove far from me vanity and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.

Freely
Matthew 10:8

Matthew 10:7,8 - *And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.*

Great Commission

Those signs that were to follow them during the Great Commission were given to them 'freely.'

But not following the Great Commission, instead following Paul, we see that these healings, gifts, etc. are not what is given to us 'freely' today.

Millennium/Eternity

We also see that in **Revelation 21:6; 22:17**, we see that the water of life is given freely. That would be Millennial / Eternity application.

Freely
Romans 4:24

Paul, showing God's way more perfectly, shows us what was given to us 'freely'.

We certainly should see the difference between the OT Gospels and Paul's epistles when it comes to singing the song 'Freely.'

Justified freely by his grace!

- **Romans 3:24** - *Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

Freely gave all things!

- **Romans 8:32** - *He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*

We can know what He has given us freely!

- **I Corinthians 2:12** - *Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord,*

Paul's words of preaching, thus the KJB's Epistles.

- **II Corinthians 11:7** - *Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the*

gospel of God freely?

Word of the Lord have free course!

- **II Thessalonians 3:1** - *Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:*

Music and the OT / Gospel

Kingdom

Psalm 68:4

Can / Should we look to the Old Testament, including the Gospels, for our music and purposes of music in our churches and families and in our personal preferences?

Morning Stars

- **Job 38:4a,7** - *Where wast thou when... .. the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?*

Purpose of Music

- **Psalms 68:32,33** - *Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah: To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice.*
- **Psalm 68:4** - *Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.*

Sing Unto God

I. Sing Praises to His Name - (At

Music and the Body of Christ Today

Colossians 3:16

Music is a voice -

- the universal language - nonetheless, it is a voice!
- **I Corinthians 14:10,11** - *There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.*
 - The language of music... do you know it?
 - Do you know about those dots, lines, chord progressions along with good and bad chords?
 - How about melody? rhythm? harmony?
 - Timbre? Instruments - types / history / testimony, etc.
 - Can you play any instrument at all?
 - If not...
 - *Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.*
(I Corinthians 14:11)

Study the Big Picture of Music

- **Genesis 9:25-27**
 - **Shem** - Oriental music / melody emphasis - spiritual
 - **Ham** - African music / rhythm emphasis - flesh
 - **Japheth** - European music / harmony emphasis / mental
- One can learn to approve music that is excellent (**Philippians 1:9,10; 4:8**) as you abound more and more in knowledge and judgment concerning music.
 - **II Thessalonians 5:21** - *Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.*

Others / From Me / To Him

- **Isaiah 48:20** - Declare redemption to all the earth
- **Deuteronomy 31:19-30** - Teach, convict and judge using music as a tool
- **Psalms 9:11** - Sing & declare His doings among the people
- **Psalms 51:14** - Their 'tongue' shall sing of righteousness
- **Psalms 57:9** - Sing praises among the people & among the nations
- **Psalms 66:2** - Sing forth the honour of His name
- **Psalms 89:1** - Make known His faithfulness to all generations
- **Psalms 89:1** - Sing of the mercies of the Lord forever
- **Psalms 101:1** - Sing of mercy and judgment
- **Psalms 108:3** - Sing praises among people and nations
- **Psalms 149:1** - Sing in the congregation of saints
- **Psalms 149:1** - Sing unto the Lord a new song
- **Psalms 105:2** - Sing of His wondrous works
- **Psalms 105:2** - Sing Psalms unto Him
- **I Samuel 10:5-7** - Musicians prophecy as a sign
- **Ezra 2; Nehemiah 12: I Chronicles 5** - Music ministered during building projects
- **I Chronicles 9:33; 23:3-5; 25** - Full time music ministry
- **I Chronicles 15:16** - Musicians appointed
- **I Chronicles 25:3** - Musicians prophecy with a harp
- **Psalms 28:7** - Praise Him because of His strength
- **Psalms 33:2** - Praise Him with harp, psaltery, etc.
- **Psalms 100:2** - Come before His presence with singing

II. Extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH (To Him / From Me)

- **II Samuel 22** - David's song of thanksgiving
- **Exodus 15:1-21** - Moses after crossing the Red Sea
- **Psalms 65:13; 66:4; 96:1; 98:4** -

- One can learn exactly where music is today - and what it has done in the past - and certainly one can learn what part music plays in the future, including the Tribulation and Eternity!
- Not 'Christian' music, but music that is distinctive in it's sound! Clean, etc. according to **Philippians 4:8**.
 - **I Corinthians 14:7,8** - *And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?*
- Calling something 'Christian' doesn't mean it is Christian!!
- This all CAN be applied to music, not just about 'speaking' voices.
 - See **vs 9** "likewise." and **vs 15** "singing" with the spirit and with understanding.

Paul & Silas sing while in jail...

- **Acts 16:23-29**
- **Vs 25** - *And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God:*
- Was it the music that 'won the guard?'
 - the prisoners heard them, not necessarily the guard.
- or was it because they didn't leave when they could have?
 - **vs 27-30**

Paul's direct words concerning music.

- **Colossians 3:16** - *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*
- Being filled with the Spirit 'not' speaking in tongues, but speaking in song..
- **Ephesians 5:18-20** - *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;*
 - word of Christ dwells!
 - teaching and admonishing
 - psalms and hymns and spiritual songs
 - singing
 - with grace in our hearts TO the Lord.
 - being filled with the Spirit
 - making melody

Earth will sing

- **I Chronicles 23:5** - David's purpose for his instruments
- **II Chronicles 23:18** - David's command of rejoicing with singing
- **Psalms 69:30** - Praise & magnify God with song and thanksgiving
- **Psalms 47:6; 9:2; 68:32; 75:9; 96:1; 98:4** - Sing praises to His name!
- **Psalms 13:6** - He hath dealt bountifully with me
- **Psalms 21:13** - Sing and praise His power - exalt the Lord
- **Psalms 27:6** - In His tabernacle
- **Psalms 30:4** - Sing thanks at the remembrance of His Holiness.
- **Psalms 100:2** - Come before His presence with singing
- **Psalms 145:7** - Memory of His goodness / righteousness
- **Leviticus 23:24** - holy convocation of praise with trumpets
- **II Chronicles 35:15** - Musicians in place for worship services
- **Proverbs 29:6** - Righteous sing & rejoice
- **Psalms 98:4-9** - Sing unto the Lord with instruments

III. *Rejoice before him.* (From Me / From Him)

- **I Samuel 16:14-23** - Music affects the soul, spirit and the flesh - body, soul, spirit.
- **Psalms 89:15** - Blessed are those who know the joyful sound
- **II Kings 3:15** - Following minstrel
- **Joshua 6** - Jericho was taken with trumpets, etc.
- **Proverbs 25:20** - Singing to a heavy heart
- **Psalms 42:8** - God's "song" shall be with me at night
- **Psalms 61:8** - Singing His praise helps accomplish daily vows
- **Psalms 71:23** - My redeemed soul rejoices when I sing unto the Lord
- **Psalms 100:2** - Come before His presence with singing
- **Job 35:10** - God gives 'songs' in the night
- **Isaiah 35:2,6,10** - The ransomed return singing joyfully
- **Psalms 28:7** - Praise Him because of His strength & refuge
- **Psalms 33:3** - Play skillfully with a loud noise

- giving thanks unto God for all things

Ignorant Worship of an Unknown God today!

- **Acts 17:22-31**
- **Acts 17:24,25** - *God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;*

Future Worship now preparing for Antichrist.

- Fleshly worship today - fleshy music!
- **Acts 2:14-18** - preparing for the Second Coming means the Spirit of God will be upon all flesh and will be taking place IN the Tribulation.
- Today's worship is preparing folks for fleshy worship tomorrow using false & fleshy worship today!

Worship during the Tribulation

- The Beast will demand worship from all!
 - **Revelation 13:4,5,12; 14:9**
- God also will ask for worship - and it will be with the flesh - the walk, as well as faith, and not taking the mark of the beast.
 - **Revelation 14:6,7; 11,12**
 - **Acts 2:14-18**

The Final New Song

- **Revelation 14:1-5** - *And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for*

- **Psalm 47:7**- Sing praises with understanding

they are without fault before the throne of God.

David and King Saul and music **I Samuel 16:14-23**

- Music affects all parts of us:
 - Body - Physical - *was well*
 - Soul - Mental - *was refreshed*
 - Spirit - Spirit - *evil spirit departed*
- Not to be used today, though, for any 'proof text' for the power and healing of music today.
 - Saul had an evil spirit, NOT the Spirit of God
- The Spirit of God is our comfort today, etc. through the King James Bible - NOT through music.

Jubal, father of...

- from the lineage of Cain

Genesis 4:21 - *And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.*

Lucifer, the Devil himself is a musician!

- **Ezekiel 28:13c...** *the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.*

The Devil Uses All Kinds of Music **Daniel 3:5,7,10,15**

- Daniel and Nebuchadnezzar prove that he devil knows

how to use 'all kinds of music' - not just so-called bad music such as 'rock,' etc.

- **Verse 7** - *Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of musick, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up.*

Woe to them that are at ease in Zion...

- **Amos 6:1,5** - *Woe to them that are at ease in Zion... That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David;*
- Changing this verse by adding a comma and adding the word 'did,' as the modern bible versions do, this corrupted verse can than be used to show how music can be used to please ourselves, instead of God - *"like David did."*

God refused their music.

- So, there IS a reason for God reject man's music!
- **Amos 5:23** - *Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols.*

David's truthful purpose for his musical instruments.

- **I Chronicles 23:5** - *Moreover four thousand were porters; and four*

thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, said David, to praise therewith.

Play skillfully

- **Psalm 33:3** - *Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.*
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Solomon wrote 2005 songs

- **I Kings 4:32** - *And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.*

David - Sweet Psalmist of Israel

- **II Samuel 23:1** - *Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,*
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Musicians were as one... with results!

- **II Chronicles 5:13,14** - *It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; So that the priests could not*

stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

Jesus sang an hymn just before He was arrested!

- **Matthew 26:30** - *And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.*

Over 500 verses in the King James Bible on music!

We can even learn from Moses:

- Moses can teach us a lot about music in churches today who are trying to *have favour with all the people* with their music! (**Acts 2:47**)
- **Numbers 20:11** - *And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.*
- Even though Moses received abundant water, he still was wrong.
- So, just because 'music' today can bring in a 'crowd,' that doesn't mean it is right!

Accountability During Gospels

Matthew 12:36

Romans 2:1-11

Those who strive to:

- follow the law
- escape the judgment of God
- despise the goodness, forbearance and longsuffering of God.

Christian's Accountability Today

I Corinthians 3:11-15

We see today, though, that in order to be judged by Jesus Christ according to Paul's gospel, we must follow Paul's gospel the details of our judgment today - for Christians.

- **Romans 2:16** - *In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.*

- follow their own works!

God will render to every man according to his deeds.

Revelation 20:11

Accountable for every word.

- **Matthew 12:35-37** - *A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*
 - **Matthew 15:18-20** - *But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.*
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- **Romans 14:10-13** - *But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.*
- **I Corinthians 3:10-15**
- **II Corinthians 5:10** - *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.*
- **Colossians 3:23-25** - *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.*
- **I Timothy 5:24,25** - *Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after. Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid.*
- **Romans 4:6** - *Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,*
- **Romans 11:6** - *And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.*
- **Galatians 2:16** - *Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*
- **Ephesians 2:8,9** - *For by grace are ye saved*

through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

We will be accountable for our works!

The Devil "Yesterday" - OT / Gospels

Ezekiel 28:13-19

- **Job 2:1,2** - Back and forth from the presence of the LORD in the earliest of time.
- **Ezekiel 28:13-19** - *"Thou has been in Eden... workmanship of thy tabrets... anointed cherub ... perfect in thy ways from the day thou wast created... heart was lifted up because of thy beauty ... corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness, etc.*
- **Isaiah 14:12-17** - *"I will be like the most high..." "Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, and did shake kingdoms..."*
- **Genesis 3:1-5; 14,15** - liar cursed above all cattle, etc. upon thy belly! *Enmity between thy seed and her seed...*
- Stands against Israel - **I Chronicles 21;1**
- Resists - **Zechariah 3:1**
- Another kingdom 'beyond' ours. **II Kings 6:13-18**

Gospels

- Temptations to Jesus - **Luke 4:1-13**
- Seed Stealer - **Luke 8:5-12**
- Devil Possession - **Mark**
- (soul was never separated from their flesh, etc. Devils could possess the entire person.)
- Entered into Judas - **John 13:21-27**
- Driven out at the Crucifixion - **John 12:31**
- Returned to stay (for now) - **John 14:30,31**
- Comforter judges the devil - **John 16:7-11**

King James Bible and Paul continue and carry on this judgment, etc.

The Devil "Today" & "Tomorrow"

Acts 26:18

- Not be ignorant of his devices - **II Corinthians 2:11**
- Dwells in Catholic Church - **Revelation 2:12-17**
- Armour of God to fight him! - **Ephesians 6:11**
- Anger gives place to him - **Ephesians 4:27**
- Puts people in his snare - at his will! **II Timothy 2:26**
- An angel of light - **II Corinthians 11:13-15**
- Hindered Paul - **I Thessalonians 2:18**
- People give in to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils! - **I Timothy 4:1**
- Destroys the flesh - **I Corinthians 5:5**
- Teaches not to blaspheme - **I Timothy 1:20; II Timothy 2:15-18**
- Ladies turn aside to him without a man around! **I Timothy 5:15; II Timothy 3:6; I Timothy 2:14**

Tribulation

- **I Peter 5:8** - walking about, seeking whom he may devour...!
- Pre- Trib times - **II Thessalonians 2:9**
- **Revelation 16:13,14**
- Fought for Moses' body -

Jude 9

- *He that committeth sin is of the devil.* Certainly not doctrine to a Christian today! **I John 3:8-10**
- **Revelation 12,13; 19:11-21; 20:1-10**
- Antichrist - **Daniel 11:37**

"Pride" in Keeping the Law Today

Luke 11:28

Pride today from thinking they are keeping the law!

- They apparently think they can actually 'sin no more.'
 - After all, Jesus taught... "*go, and sin no more.*" **John 8:11**
- I have seen a outward 'pride' in my many conversations with those who believe they are following IN Christ's footsteps, or those who believe they are 'being like Christ' as many preachers say they should be - or even just those folks like 7th Day Adventists who really believe that even after they are saved, they are keeping the law.
- Or... they have a great time of confession claiming **I John 1:9**, etc.

God's Blessings Based on Their Walk?

- They are proud of themselves as they say that God is 'blessing' their lives with answer to prayer / there is 'power' in their prayers for others, etc.

False godliness!

- Yes, they have a godliness about them, but it certainly isn't according to Scriptures.
- **II Timothy 3:5** - *Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*

Gospel Law keepers!

- They WERE told to keep the law, etc. in the gospels, but we are not told to keep the law today as we live in Paul's dispensation of grace!

"Confidence" & a Joy in Being Dead to the Law

Ephesians 3:12

We are delivered from the law!

- **Romans 7:6** - *But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.*
- **Galatians 2:19** - *For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.*
- **Galatians 2:20-21** - *I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*
- **Romans 10:4** - *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.*
- **Romans 4:15** - *Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.*
- **Colossians 2:14-15** - *Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.*
- **Galatians 2:19** - *For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.*

Their Verses!

- The "Ten" or all the others, too?
 - **Matthew 19:17** - *And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.*
- An honest and good heart?
 - **Luke 8:15** - *But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.*
- Hear what part of the word of God?
 - **Luke 11:28** - *But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.*
- Never see death?
 - **John 8:51** - *Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.*
- If we love him? A pastoral guilt trip?
 - **John 14:15** - *If ye love me, keep my commandments.*
- How does He manifest himself today?
 - **John 14:21** - *He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.*
- words? or just messages, etc.?
 - **John 14:23** - *Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.*
- Do they even hear any word?
 - **John 14:24** - *He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*
- Imitate / be like Christ?
 - **John 15:10** - *If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*

Jesus Knew!

- And yet, Jesus even knew that nobody was truly keeping the law then, and there is certainly no one keeping the law today!

- **Galatians 3:13** - *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:*

Paul had Confidence!

- **Acts 28:31** - *Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.*
- **II Corinthians 10:2** - *But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.*

We also should have that confidence!

- **Ephesians 3:12** - *In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.*
- **Philippians 3:3** - *For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.*

Paul had a joy!

- **Romans 5:11** - *And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*
- **Romans 14:17** - *For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.*
- **Romans 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.*
- **II Corinthians 1:24** - *Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand.*
- **II Corinthians 2:3** - *And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I*

- **John 7:19** - *Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me?*

Paul knew and we know today!

- Paul knew they didn't keep the law back then!
 - **Galatians 6:13** - *For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.*

Keepers of the Law Today? Why?

- Why would anyone today think they are actually keeping the law - even more so, why would they not want to try knowing what the Risen Christ teaches?
 - **Romans 3:10-13** - *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.*
 - **Romans 3:20** - *Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.*
 - **Romans 3:28** - *Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.*
 - **Galatians 2:16** - *Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*
 - **Galatians 3:11** - *But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.*
 - **Galatians 3:24** - *Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.*

should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all.

- **II Corinthians 7:4** - *Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.*
- **Galatians 5:22** - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*
- **Philippians 1:25** - *And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith;*
- **Colossians 1:11** - *Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;*
- **I Thessalonians 1:6** - *And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:*

Paul was thankful!

- **Romans 1:8** - *First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.*
- **Romans 1:21** - *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*
- **Romans 6:17** - *But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.*
- **Romans 7:25** - *I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.*
- **Romans 14:6** - *He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the*

Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

- **I Corinthians 15:57** - *But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- **II Corinthians 2:14** - *Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.*
- **II Corinthians 4:15** - *For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.*
- **Colossians 1:12** - *Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:*
- **Colossians 2:7** - *Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*
- **Colossians 3:15** - *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.*
- **Colossians 3:17** - *And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*

Is There Anything We Should Keep?

- **Romans 12:1,2** - *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*
- **I Corinthians 9:27** - *But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.*
- **I Corinthians 11:2** - *Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all*

things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

- **I Corinthians 15:2** - *By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.*
- **Ephesians 4:3** - *Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*
- **I Timothy 5:22** - *Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.*
- **I Timothy 6:14** - *That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:*
- **I Timothy 6:20** - *O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:*

**The Lord is faithful,
Shouldn't We Be Too?**

- **Philippians 4:7** - *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*
- **II Thessalonians 3:3** - *But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.*
- **II Timothy 1:12** - *For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*

Tribulation Times of confidence!

If?

- **Hebrews 3:14** - *For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;*

Reward? Cast not away?

- **Hebrews 10:35** - *Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.*

Confidence because of the walk being clean enough!

- **I John 2:28** - *And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.*
- **Revelation 14:12** - *Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.*

Personal answer to prayer dependent on their clean walk!

- **I John 5:14** - *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

Tribulation Teachings If Taught Today

- The above Tribulation verses would be considered false gospel!
 - **Galatians 1:8,9** - *But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.*
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Heavenly Father

Matthew 6:14

The title of *Heavenly father*, which has been used in the past by Mormons is quickly becoming a common and popular phrase by more and more Christians in their reference to God.

Spiritual Father

Romans 4:11

Our father? Indirectly, yes, but not our heavenly father - but instead He is our *Spiritual Father* through Abraham and our faith.

The heavenly father certainly is not as described by the Mormons as 'once a man' and having spirit children in heaven to send down to earth, etc.

However, we see by rightly divided Scriptures, it is a term used only by the Jews, and of course...

...the Jews are his people.

- **Deuteronomy 7:6** - *For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.*
- **I Peter 2:9** - *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*
- **Romans 11:28** - *As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.*

Thus, He would be called their Heavenly Father:

Matthew 6:14 - *For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:*

Matthew 6:26 - *Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?*

Matthew 6:32 - *(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.*

Matthew 15:13 - *But he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.*

Matthew 18:35 - *So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.*

The father of them that believe!

Romans 4:11 - *And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:*

The father of the uncircumcision!

Romans 4:12 - *And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.*

Abraham - the father of us all!

Romans 4:16 - *Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,*

Abraham, a father of many nations!

Romans 4:17-18 - *(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.*

Father / The Father, etc.

There are too many references to list, but Paul calls him as should we, 'the Father,' or 'Father' - or even with a small 'f' - 'father.'

But to call him our "Heavenly Father" is to once again, use an incorrect term - a term that is not true concerning Christians today.

Because of our faith and trust in Christ, the Father becomes our spiritual father, not our heavenly Father. That term still belongs to the Jews.

Luke 11:13 - *If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*
