

“RIGHTLY DIVIDE THE WORD OF TRUTH”

This is what we are told to do in II Timothy 2:15. It means in part, that we are to distinguish between the doctrines for the body of Christ by the “*revelation of the mystery*” found in Paul’s epistles, (Romans-Philemon) and the rest of the Bible. Since Paul is the apostle of the Gentiles and was given the “*dispensation of the grace of God*”, we are to follow him as God instructs. To teach the prophesied kingdom doctrine taught by Christ and His apostles in Matthew through the early part of Acts as doctrine for today only leads to confusion. While the entire Bible is written FOR us as II Timothy 3:16 clearly teaches, it is also clearly evident, that it is not all written **TO** us! Everyone divides the Bible somewhere, but it is very important that we **RIGHTLY** divide it. This simple truth is readily seen by those who study the Bible without pre-conceived ideas or traditions. Please note that this doctrine is not something new but has been in existence since the Lord Jesus Christ revealed it to the apostle Paul. **SADLY, MOST REJECT IT STILL TODAY.** (Rom 11:13, 15:4 & 16, I Cor 14:33, I Tim 1:11-12, Eph 3:1-6, Philip 3:17)



God’s Word the Bible: We believe that the Holy Bible has been preserved in the Authorized Version commonly called the King James Version, for the English speaking people. We believe that the entire Bible is the inspired Word of God, without error and is of absolute authority in all matters to the exclusion of all other English versions. The Bible is the only objective

source of information about God and His will. (John 1:1, II Tim 3:15-16, Psalms 12:6-7, 119:89, 138:2, Heb 4:12, II Tim. 3:16, II Peter 1:20-21)

God the Father: We know Him as the one and only living and true God, an infinite, intelligent Spirit, the Creator and ruler of all that is in heaven and earth. God has manifested Himself in three personages: The Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. All three manifested persons are each God and differ only in duties and station, not different or multiple gods, but one God in three manifestations. (Deut.6:4, Matt 28:19, II Cor 13:14, Eph 4:4-6, I John 5:7)

God the Holy Spirit: In this particular manifestation He performs certain ministries. The Holy Spirit was active in creation; He convicts of sin, righteousness and judgment; He bears witness to that which is true, He is involved in our regeneration in that He immerses (baptizes) converts into Christ; He is the earnest of edification our inheritance and He seals us until the day of redemption. (John 16:8-16, Titus 3:5, I Cor 6:9-11, 12:13, Eph 1:13, 4:30)

God the Son: Jesus, the begotten of the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin Mary to manifest God in a manner that would allow Him to be tempted in all points, yet without sin, so that He could take the place of sinners as the perfect Saviour. Christ, while positionally subjected to God the Father, was in fact the manifestation of God in the flesh, the fullness of the Godhead bodily. He came as Messiah to Israel offering their prophesied kingdom. He was rejected, crucified for the sins of mankind, rose again the third day. With his victory over sin and death, Christ became the only source of man’s conversion from death unto life, by faith in His shed blood, according to Paul’s gospel and the revelation of the mystery. (Phil 2:6-9, John 8:58, Matt 1:20-25, Luke 1:31-35, II Cor 5:21, Heb 4:14-15, I John 2:2, 1 Peter 2:21-22, Rom 1:3-4, Col 2:9)

Tongues, Signs & Wonders: These gifts are an important part of the Jewish program. Their purpose is to validate God's message to unbelieving Israel. All of the sign gifts such as tongues, prophecy, and healing, being temporary in nature, have ceased as Israel fell and was cast away. Throughout the Old Testament, God used signs and wonders while dealing with Abraham, Moses, Elijah and many of Israel's leaders up to and including the apostles of Christ. In reflection, it becomes very clear why the Bible says, "*the Jews require a sign*". The bible tells us in I Corinthians 13:8-11; the gifts shall "*vanish*" and "*be done away*" when that "*which is perfect is come*". (Exd 3:20, 4:28-31, John 4:48, Rom 11:11-15, I Cor 1:22, Acts 2:4-6 & 41-43, 3:1-8, Heb 2:4, James 5:17-18)

Baptism: We understand that there are numerous different baptisms in the Bible, several of which do not involve water. All saved persons have been made members of the body of Christ by the one spiritual baptism. By that one baptism every member of the body of Christ is identified with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. In the light of the statement concerning the "*one baptism*" in Ephesians 4:5, the statements concerning baptism in Colossians 2:12, Romans 6:3-4 and Paul's statements in I Corinthians 1:17 that "*Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel*", we conclude that water baptism has no place in God's spiritual program for the body of Christ. Any form of practice thereof, would be returning "*to the weak and beggarly elements*" of the law! Like circumcision, baptism was also nailed to the cross. (I Cor 12:13, Gal 4:5-9, Col 2:14)

Giving: The tithe is an ordinance contained in the law that we are not subject to today. We are, however, encouraged to give willingly and cheerfully according to principles given to the apostle Paul for us today. (II Cor. 9:7, Gal 4:9, Col 2:14)

Lets stop a minute..

Does the church you attend ever teach or even know the importance of understanding the mysteries, dispensational truths, and right division of the Word of Truth?? Knowing these are essential to removing confusion and so-called mistakes in the Bible!! Without "right division" obvious contradictions cause most to trust mans interpretations, rather than trusting the Bible. We acknowledge the fact that God does not change as Hebrews 13:5 tells us, however His dealings with and requirements for man have changed throughout the scriptures.... Maybe what we are saying is completely new to you. This could be Gods way of revealing these truths to you for the first time. All of us were also unfamiliar with many of them at one point in our Christian lives. Through God's grace, we sought His truth above our comfortable childhood churches or denominations. Now we appreciate and understand the Bible like never before, and truly look forward to attending church! We believe these are His truths and He will bear witness to them as you study His Word with an open heart and mind.

Salvation: Having a general belief in God, inviting Jesus into your heart or making Him Lord of your life, have never been part of salvation, and are not found in the Bible. Water baptism and keeping the law are no longer required works that accompany faith today during this, "*the dispensation of the grace of God*". And most importantly, if you are striving to keep these or other commandments that were given to Israel for your salvation today even in part, Galatians 5:4 declares that "*Christ is become of no effect unto you*". The Bible tells us in I Timothy 2:6 that Jesus Christ "*gave himself a ransom for all*". Through Gods grace, eternal forgiveness of an individuals sin is secured by believing that **Jesus died for their sins, was buried, and rose again.** We have justification by faith in the sacrifice of our Saviors' shed blood at Calvary. **Being saved through faith does not simply affirm that Jesus' death,**

burial and resurrection was necessary, it must affirm that it is enough! We believe that this glorious truth has been hidden or tainted by the religious systems of this world where the traditions of men and Satan's lies have replaced Gods Biblical truths..... We challenge you to compare the **“Gospel of the Kingdom”** taught in Matthew thru early Acts to the **“My Gospel”** found in Paul's epistles given to him by Christ. **This is why it's imperative to “rightly divide the Word of Truth”!** (Rom 3:20-25, 5:1-9, II Cor 4:3-4, Gal 5:1-4, Eph 3:2, I Tim 2: 4-6, Matt 4:23, 9:35, 24:14, Mark 16:15)

This gospel **IS NOT** for today. We want this to be very clear!

“GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM”

1. Believing in the name or the person of Jesus as the (Christ) Messiah (John 3:16 & 36, 1:12, 6:47, 20:31, Acts 4:12, 8:37)
2. Repentance and Baptism (Matt 3:2 & 11, 28:19, Mark 1:4 & 14-15, 16:16, Luke 3:3, 24:47, Acts 2:38, 3:19)
3. Commandment Keeping (Matt 5:17, 7:21, 19:17, Luke 18:18-22, John 15:10-14)
4. Endure to the End (Matt 24:13, Mark 13:13, Luke 8:13, Heb 3:14)
5. Now these things **will follow** this gospel message, as promised in the Bible.
 - cast out devils, speak in tongues, take up serpents, able to drink deadly things, heal the sick (Matt 7:21-22, Mark 16:17-18, Acts 2:4-6, 3:1-8)

This gospel **IS** for today. Only one thing to preach!

GOSPEL OF THE GRACE OF GOD "MY GOSPEL"

1. Salvation through complete faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ plus NOTHING! (**Romans 2:16**, 3:24-28, 5:9, 16:25, I Cor 15:1-4, Eph 1:7, 2:8-13, I Thes 4:14, II Tim 2:8, Titus 3:5-7)

Our Commission: The so-called great commission Christ gave to the apostles in Matthew 28:19-20 and Mark 16:15-18 was not given to us in this, *“the dispensation of the grace of God”*. Today the love of Christ constrains us as ambassadors to share the *“new creature”* position of the believer. This was a new position not found or known during *“the gospel of the kingdom”*. God has *“committed unto us the word of reconciliation”* by the *“preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery”*. We are also told *“to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery”*. (Eph 3:1-5 & 8-9, II Cor 5:14-21, Rom 16:25, I Thes 2:4)

Rapture & Second Coming: The current dispensation will end with our pretribulational catching away (rapture) of the church. Our Lord will first come (in the clouds) to receive the members of *“the one body”* to Himself and take them to their eternal home in heavenly places. The resumption of the kingdom gospel which was set aside in Acts and the time of Jacobs' trouble will immediately follow. At the end of the tribulation (the second coming of Christ to the earth), He will destroy His enemies and set up His millennial kingdom over which He will rule and reign for a thousand years. This is when the long prophesied, earthly kingdom of Christ will be fulfilled. (I Thes 4:13-18, Philip 3:20-21, I Cor 15:51-58, Zech 14:4-9, Jeremiah 30:7, Rev 19:11-16, 20:4-6)

Security & Damnation: After an individual receives salvation through the blood of Christ, they cannot lose this salvation, no matter what they do or think. We believe the once saved, always saved position of eternal security for the saints during this, *“the dispensation of the grace of God”* by the sealing of the Holy Spirit... Damnation in the eternal fire of Hell awaits those who reject Gods (previously mentioned) salvation and to those **who trust in** the addition of their own good

works (baptism, obedience to law of the commandments, living a sinless life, etc, etc...) to the finished work of Jesus Christ. (Rom 2:16, 5:1-2, 8:29-34 & 38-39, Eph 1:13-14, 4:30, Philip 1:6, Col 3:3, II Tim 2:13-21, II Thes 1:7-9, Matt 25:41, Rev 20:11-15)

Our Fellowship: You will not hear a weekly invitation for the lost in our fellowship. The assembling of believers is for the edification of the saints. It is our responsibility as His ambassadors to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ "*according to the revelation of the mystery*", whenever we can to the unsaved throughout our lifetime. Our assembly is a time when we the believers (young and old) fellowship through Bible study, song, praise and thankfulness for the riches of His grace in Christ Jesus. (Rom 16:25, II Cor 5:20)

Men, Women & Families in the Church: We believe the Bible clearly teaches men (lost or saved) are to rule their homes and be their wives head, just as Christ is to be mans head. This places direct responsibility on men to lead their families in spiritual matters! It is not the place of any man in the church to give individual spiritual instruction or counsel to any woman other than his own wife. If this is needed or desired, it is the responsibly of the elder women of the church to do so! Christendom as a whole has disregarded these instructions. As a result husbands and fathers usually allow other men (often pastors) to become their families' spiritual head. (Gen 3:16, I Cor 11:3, 14:34-35, Eph 5:22-24, I Tim 2:11-14, Col 3:18)

Church Membership: All blood bought, saved individuals are members of the body of Christ, and are welcomed to fellowship with us. We do not maintain church membership rolls. We do not believe that any church should require more for church membership than God requires for salvation. II Timothy 2:19 tells us "*The Lord knoweth them that are his*".

WHY DO WE EMPHASIZE PAUL AND HIS EPISTLES?

Just as God called Moses to dispense (give) the law, He chose Paul to reveal "*the dispensation of the grace of God*". "*Through the abundance of the revelations*" given to Paul, we find things that were "*kept secret since the world began*" and "*from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God*". With Paul's distinct apostleship to the body of Christ, we find a new "*gospel of the grace of God*" encouraging "*all men to be saved*" was charged to him. A new position and standing for the saints along with many other wonderful truths are found exclusively in the epistles he wrote. When you consider the scope of what God entrusted to Paul, a man who considered himself "*less than the least of all saints*" we then understand why Romans 11:13 says "*I magnify mine office*". (Exd 3:4, Acts 20:24, I Cor 9:17, 15:1-4, II Cor 5:17, 12:7, Eph 3:2 & 7-9, I Tim 2:4)

Through right division and studying the whole Bible, we now see clearly the amazing fact that Christ chose 12 apostles for the 12 tribes of Israel who are to rule and reign with Him in His prophesied earthly kingdom "*which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began*". We learn from our ONE apostle (Paul) "*to the Gentiles*" that the inheritance for the ONE body of Christ is not the earth, but in heavenly places. (Acts 3:21, Eph 2:6, II Tim 4:18, Rom 15:16)

Romans 15:8 tells us that Christ's earthly ministry was "*to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers*". We learn that we OBEY Christ when we heed Paul's instruction to "*be ye followers of me*". We wholeheartedly believe and accept that Paul is our "*pattern*". Furthermore, we are told in I Corinthians 14:37 that "*If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I (Paul) write unto you are the commandments of the Lord*". (Mat 5:17, 15:24, I Cor 4:16, 11:1, Gal 4:4-5, Philip 3:17, I Tim 1:16)

These are some of the main doctrines and positions we hold to at Wadsworth Bible Fellowship. They are a compilation of our original writings and those of other like minded believers across America.