

# Make All Men See

THE DISPENSATION OF THE MYSTERY (Eph. 3 : 9)

WHAT Church is true for us today, in our present Dispensation? HOW is GOD presently dealing with the nation of Israel (Jews), His "chosen people" (Gen. 12: 2-3, 32 :28; Exo. 6:7), and the Gentiles (non-Jewish people)?

ACTS 28:28 says: " Be it known therefore unto you (Jews) that salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and they will hear (listen to) it."

The BIBLE--the Word of God--clearly shows that there are TWO Churches for believers: One existed BEFORE Acts 28:28 called the "BRIDE" of Christ which was suspended and to be resumed in the Tribulation period (Matt. 24:21; 2 Cor. 11: 2; Rev. 20: 4: 21: 2, 9) which is the Church for the nation of ISRAEL; and another AFTER Acts 28:28 called the "BODY" of Christ (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4) which is the Church for us Gentiles and individual Jews today that will culminate by appearing with the LORD in glory (Col. 3: 4; Titus 2:13) immediately before the 7-year Tribulation called "Jacob's Trouble" (Jer. 30:7).

INSTRUCTION FOR BIBLE STUDY:  
Approve the things that are excellent (or test the things that differ, Phil. 1:10) and if found to be different, do not join but rightly divide them (2Tim. 2:15).

**A** PENTECOSTAL CHURCH was the evolution of the believers of Acts 1:15. "Little Flock" of Lk. 12:32 and the "Remnant" of Rom. 9:27; 11:5. This is a Church of the nation Israel (Jews as a people).

**A** CHURCH OF THE MYSTERY is not the evolution of the Pentecostal Church since it is a New Creation (Eph. 2:15-16; 3:1-1-12).

**SECOND COMING**  
(Matt. 24:30; 1Thess. 4:16-17)

BIRTH OF CHRIST

CHRIST'S MINISTRY STARTED

4 BC AD 26 AD 29

AD 64

AD 1987

BRIDE OF CHRIST  
Part I  
(2 Cor. 11:2)

BODY OF CHRIST  
(Eph. 4:22-23)

BRIDE OF CHRIST  
Part II  
7-Yr. TRIB.  
NIL RULE ON EARTH  
(Rev. 20:4)

Appearing with the LORD in glory (Col. 3:4; Titus 2:13)

Meet the LORD in the air (1Thess. 4:17)

New Heaven  
New Earth  
New Jerusalem  
(Rev. 21:1-2)

GOD ALL IN ALL (1Cor. 16:20)

## DIFFERENCES:

### BRIDE OF CHRIST

### BODY OF CHRIST

1. DESCRIPTION	Chaste virgin to be espoused to Christ (2 Cor. 11:2) and will be the BRIDE of Christ (Rev. 21:2,9).	One New Man (Eph. 2:15) whose Head is the LORD CHRIST JESUS (Eph. 1:22). (NOTE: A man can never be a bride!)
2. LORD'S MINISTRY	To the JEWS (Rom. 15:8; 11:24 Matt. 15:24) <i>Rom. 15:9, 16 Israel still a factor until Acts 28</i>	Among the GENTILES (Col. 1:27) through the Apostle Paul
3. LORD'S TITLE	KING on David's throne. (Acts 2:30)	HEAD of the Church, His Body (Eph. 1:22)

4. PAUL'S MINISTRY	Minister of the New Covenant which is for the JEWS (2 Cor. 3:6; Heb. 8:8; Jer. 31:31) <i>Acts 24:14, 17 Acts 28:20</i>	Prisoner of the Lord Jesus Christ for the GENTILES as the minister of God's Secret program, the MYSTERY (Eph. 3:1-9)
5. JEWS' POSITION	Jews were FIRST (Rom. 1:16; 2:9-10). Reasons: Deut. 28:13; Rom. 9:4-5; 3:2. <i>Rom. 10:19-21</i>	Jews EQUAL with the Gentiles for they are joint heirs and joint partakers in a joint body (Eph. 3:6).
6. GENTILES' POSITION	Considered as WILD OLIVE grafted to Israel's Olive tree which is the source of its blessing (Rom. 11:17-18).	NOT RELATED with Israel (Eph. 2:12). Israel is "Lo-ammi" (not God's people, Hos. 1:9; 3:4). Considered as members of Christ's Body (Eph. 5:30).
7. COMMISSION	To witness in Jerusalem, in Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8). <i>(land)</i>	To make all men see what is the fellowship of the Mystery (Eph. 3:9). <i>Cp. Col. 1:23, 25, 26 (defined - Mystery)</i>
8. PROGRAM	PROPHECY - Spoken by the prophets (Acts 2:15; 3:21, 24; 26:22).	MYSTERY - In other ages was not made known to the sons of men (Eph. 3:9).
9. OBJECT OF PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT	For the Hope of ISRAEL (Acts 28:20). <i>Acts 24:14, 17</i> <i>Rom. 15:12, 13 = Isa. 11</i>	To make known the Mystery (Eph. 6:19 - 20).
10. SELECTION OF THE MEMBERS	FROM (Since) the foundation of the world (Matt. 25:34). <i>Mt. 13:35</i> <i>Lk. 11:50 Heb. 4:3; 9:26 Rev. 13:8; 17:8</i>	BEFORE the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4). <i>(1 Tim. 1:9, Tit. 1:2)</i>
11. DESTINATION	EARTH (Matt. 5:6; 6:10). <i>Gen. 15:18</i> <i>See Deut. 34:1-5 - Num. 20:7-12</i> <i>Rom. 15:12, 13 = Isa. 11</i>	HEAVEN (1:3; 2:6). <i>Phil. 3:20 Col. 3:4</i> <i>1 Tim. 3:16</i>
12. HOPE / CONDITION	SECOND COMING (PAROUSIA) of the LORD (Matt. 24:29-31; 1 Thess. 4:14-17). APOSTASY must first occur before the Second Coming (2 Thess. 2:1-4).	GLORIOUS APPEARING (EPIPHANIA) with the LORD in Glory (Col. 3:4; Titus 2:13). The LORD is at hand (Phil. 4:5), i.e., any moment appearing.
13. BLESSING	With Abraham on EARTH (Gal. 3:9, 29; Gen. 15:18). The Hope of the faithful overcomers is the New Jerusalem which is their Mother (Gal. 4:26; Rev. 21:2; Heb. 11:10; 12:22, 23). Besides God, Abraham was their Father (Rom. 4:1).	With CHRIST in HEAVEN (Eph. 1:3; 2:6). NO CONNECTION with Abraham whose name does not appear even once in any of the seven epistles of Paul which were written after Acts 28:28. Has NO Mother and only ONE God and Father (Eph. 4:6).

14. BAPTISM	THREE (Water, Spirit and Baptism with the LORD's death)--Acts 2:38; Acts 19:5,6; Rom. 6:3,4.	ONE (Baptism with the LORD's death)--Eph. 4:4; Col. 2:12.
15. GIFTS	1 Cor. 12:28 1st Apostles, 2nd Prophets, 3rd Teachers then miracles, healing helps, govt., and diversities of tongues. Some are "sign" gifts.	Jews EQUAL with the Gentiles for they are joint heirs and joint partakers in a joint body (Eph. 3:6). <i>Eph. 4:11</i> <i>Eph. 4:11</i> ↳ This is a duplicate of No. 4
16. EXPECTATION OF PAUL	Still alive to meet the LORD in the air (1 Thess 4:17).	Ready to be offered and his departure (death) was at hand (2 Tim. 4:6).
17. RESURRECTION	At the Lord's Coming (1 Cor. 15:23). Resurrection to reign (Rev. 20:6).	Out-resurrection from among the dead (Phil. 3:11--"exanastasis ek nekron").
18. GENTILES' IDENTIFICATION	Reckoned as Abraham's Seeds and heirs (Gal. 3:29).	Takes the Identity of the LORD--"CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL" (Col.3:11).
19. GENTILES' SALVATION	To provoke Israel to jealousy (Rom. 11:11). This implies that Israel was not yet alienated from God since divorced people do not provoked each other to jealousy. <i>Rom. 10:19-21</i>	To show the exceeding riches of God's grace and His manifold wisdom (Eph. 2:7; 3:10). The Church, His Body, is the fullness of Christ and Christ is the fullness of God (Eph. 1:23; Col. 2:9).
20 OBLIGATIONS GENTILES'	To assist Israel since they were partakers of Israel's spiritual things (Rom. 15:27). Example was the offering for the Jews in 1 Cor. (16:1-3).	No obligation since they have no connection with Israel (Eph. 2:12). Assistance is to be given to anyone who is in need (Phil. 4:14-18) especially God's laborers (phil. 4:3). <i>no more temple</i>
21. ORDINANCES & FEAST DAYS CONCERNING THE GENTILES	Should be kept such as the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23,24) and the Passover (1 Cor. 5:7,8) & the decrees in Acts 15:19-21).	Ordinances, Feast Days and Decrees are not to be observed since these were already blotted out and nailed to the Cross (Eph. 2:15; Col. 2:14, 16).
22. MEMBERS CAN BE	a. Part of the head as ears and eyes (1 Cor. 12:16,17). b. Feeble, less honorable and and uncomely (1Cor. 12:22,23).	Only the LORD is the Head (Col. 1:18). Members are parts of the Body (Eph. 5:30), Glorious, without spot, holy, and without blemish (Eph. 5:27).
23. OTHER VISIBLE DISTINCTIONS SUCH AS THEIR	a. CONGREGATION--Churches of the Gentiles (Rom. 16:4) vis Churches in Judea (Jews)--Gal. 1:22. b. APOSTLES--James, Peter and John to the Circumcision while	NO DISTINCTION. In fact, the word "CHURCHES" is not mentioned in any of the epistles of Paul, the apostle for Gentiles. Not even one of the Twelve Apostles appear in any of Paul's epistles AFTER ACTS 28:28, namely: Eph., Col., Phil.,

ex. Peter

Acts 3:2-8

5:12, 15, 14

9:34-42

increasing or decreasing?

gradual or abrupt?

Paul

Acts 14:8-10

19:11, 12

20:7-12

28:2-5, 6

28:4, 9 - Barbarous.

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Phil. 2:25-30

Col. 4:14 - Luke

|| Tim. 4:20

1 Tim. 5:23

Paul and Barnabas were to the Gentiles (Gal. 2:9).

c. GOSPEL--Gospel of the Circumcision (Gal. 2:7).

d. TEMPLE WORSHIP--Jews were separated from the Gentiles by means of a wall and no Gentile was allowed to go beyond it (Acts 21:28,29).

Titus, Philem., 1&2 Tim. which contain Dispensational Truths For Us Today. Only ONE Gospel since Jews and Gentiles have been reconciled unto God into ONE BODY by the Cross (Eph. 2:16).

The Middle Wall of partition, the symbol of enmity between Jews & Gentiles, was broken down (Eph. 2:14). Both have now access directly to God through the LORD by One Spirit (Eph. 2:8).

24. "HEAVEN" IS THE DISTINCT MARK OF THE CHURCH WHICH IS HIS (CHRIST'S) BODY (Eph. 1:22,23).

- A. BLESSING is in HEAVEN (Eph. 1:3).
- B. SEAT is in HEAVEN (Eph. 2:6)
- C. KINGDOM is in HEAVEN (Col. 1:12, 13).
- D. HEAD is in HEAVEN (Eph. 1:20-23).
- E. LIFE is in HEAVEN (Col. 3:3).
- F. CITIZENSHIP is in HEAVEN (Phil. 3:20).
- G. MINISTRY is in HEAVEN (Eph. 3:10).
- H. WARFARE is in HEAVEN (Eph. 6:12).
- I. HOPE is in HEAVEN (Col. 1:5).
- J. AFFECTION is in HEAVEN (Col. 3:2).
- K. DESTINY is in HEAVEN (Col. 3:4).
- L. CROWN is in HEAVEN (2Tim. 4:18).

The Holy Spirit speaking through the Apostle Paul writes in 2 Timothy 2:15: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The "Word of Truth" is the Bible.

"Rightly dividing" comes from the Greek ORTHOTOMEIO (the original language in which the New Testament was written) which also means not only to give the true meaning but also the true application to the various TIMES and CLASSES of people in various WAYS. Biblical truths must be divided according to Fundamental, Prophetic, and DISPENSATIONAL Truths.

In interpreting a verse in the Bible the following has to be considered: what is written about; who wrote it; to whom written; with what words; when written; the purpose and circumstances of writing; what precedes and what follows (for context). The literal and grammatical structure of the original language and Figures of Speech used must be observed. The cultural, historical and geographical background of the books must also be taken into consideration, among others, and a complete dependence on the enlightenment or guidance of the Holy Spirit, the true Author of the Scripture.

Paul is the leading apostle for our present Dispensation--not Peter. Paul is the apostle for us, Gentiles; while Peter, James, John and the rest of the twelve disciples are the apostles for the Jews. Paul said so himself (Gal.2:7-9; Rom.11:13; Eph. 3:8).

The specific teachings or "instructions" for the present Dispensation are contained in the Apostle Paul's epistles written after the incident in Acts 28:28, namely: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Titus, Philemon, 1&2 Timothy.

This does not mean that we do not have to read the whole Bible. We must. For Fundamental and Prophetic Truths are found throughout the Bible and transcends through all Dispensations such as the fact of creation, love of, faith in, and obedience to God. Sin. Death. Salvation, etc. We can learn how God is dealing with various classes of people in various times and various ways and how these relate to us today.

We will know more about the Messiah (Christ) who is the central figure of the Bible from the beginning to the end--from Genesis to Revelation!

In unmistakable language, the Apostle Paul says in Ephesians 3:8-9: "Unto me...is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ ...to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God..."

*The Fellowship or Dispensation (Greek OIKONOMIA) of the Mystery that the Apostle Paul preached concerns our PRESENT DISPENSATION! MAKE ALL MEN SEE!*

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