

# "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth"

(II Timothy 2:15)

"Time Past"

(Ephesians 2:11,12)

"But Now"

(Ephesians 2:13)

"Ages to Come"

(Ephesians 2:7)

The Main Sphere of Influence for the Body of CHRIST is the Heavenly Places - Eph.1, Col. 1

"For Us"  
(II Timothy 3:16)

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Moses  
(Ex. 19:3-6)  
(Isa. 61:6)  
(I Pet. 2:9)



David  
"THRONE"  
(Luke 1:31-33)



John the Baptist



JESUS

12 Apostles



CROSS

Acts 2:4



Peter



Stephen

CHRIST  
II Cor. 5:16  
Rom. 16:25,26  
Col. 1:24-26  
Gal. 1:11,12  
Eph. 3:1-9  
Tit. 1:2,3

"To Us"

RAPTURE  
(I Thess. 4:13-18)

SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

GREAT WHITE THRONE



"DAN. 70TH WEEK"  
Anti Christ



(Rev. 20:11-15)

Israel Law

Acts

The Dispensation of Grace  
"Grace" "Peace"

WRATH Kingdom Judgment

Gen. 12:1-3  
Gen. 13:14-18  
Gen. 15:1-21  
Gen. 17:1-8

Kingdom Promised  
(Dan. 2:44)

Kingdom at Hand  
(Matt. 3:2, 4:17, 10:7)

Kingdom Offered  
(Acts 1:6, 3:19,20)

Kingdom Postponed  
(Rom. 11:25)

7 YEARS of Tribulation  
(Matt. 3:7)  
(Jer. 30:7)  
(Dan. 9)

1000 Years  
(Matt. 25:34)  
(Matt. 6:10)  
(Dan. 2:44)

Kingdom Established  
(Rev. 11:15, 20:4-6)

Abraham



Ministry of Israel Under the Law

Earthly Ministry of Christ To Israel Only  
(Matt. 10:1-7) (Matt. 15:24)

Ministry to Israel First - Fall of Israel; Salvation to Gentiles

Paul and "The BODY OF CHRIST"

Eph. 1:10 →

"Gospel of Kingdom"  
(Matt. 24:14)

"Gospel of Circumcision"  
(Gal. 2:7)

"Gospel of Uncircumcision"  
(Gal. 2:7)

"Gospel of Grace"  
(Acts 20:24)

"Gospel of Kingdom"  
(Isa. 2:1-4)

"PROPHECY"

"The MYSTERY"

"PROPHECY"

Adam

Gentiles

Gen. to Mal.

Matt. to John

Acts 28

Romans to Philemon

Hebrews to Revelation

(Romans 1)

(Romans 15:8)

(Romans 11:11,12)

(Romans 11:13)

(Romans 11:25-29)

Matt. - KING  
Mark - SERVANT  
Luke - MAN  
John - GOD

Cross	Church	Coming	Congregation
ROMANS	EPHESIANS	THESS.	TIMOTHY
COR.	PHILLIPIANS		TITUS
GALATIANS	COLOSSIANS		PHILEMON
(FAITH)	(LOVE)	(HOPE)	(FELLOWSHIP)

Fall

Diminishing



# Word of Truth™

2:15)

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(Romans 11:25-29)

## UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth" (II Tim. 2:15).

In Eph. 2 the Apostle Paul sets forth the **basic three-fold division** in God's dealings with mankind: **Time Past** (vs. 11,12), **But Now** (v.13), the **Ages to Come** (v.7). When the Bible is "laid out" according to this divinely inspired design we easily get an overview of not only *what* we are reading but *when* and *to whom* it was written. Thus the Word of God itself provides us with the key to its own proper understanding and right division:

**Time Past:** Eph. 2:11,12 sets forth the basic issue in *Time Past* as the division between the Circumcision and the Uncircumcision, between the nation Israel and the Gentiles. When you find this issue governing the way God was working with men, you know you are in *Time Past*. This covers the "*Old Testament*" (see Gen. 17:9-14, Deut. 4:5-8, Num. 23:9) as well as *Matthew thru John* (see Rom. 15:8, Matt. 10:5,6; 15:24, John 4:22) and the *early Acts* period (see Luke 24:47, Acts 1:6,8; 2:14,22,36; 5:32; 11:19).

**But Now:** Eph. 2:13 indicates that in the *But Now* portion Gentiles are no longer "far off" but rather the "middle wall of partition" between Israel and the Gentiles has been eliminated and now "*those who were far off are made nigh.*" *Romans thru Philemon* provide the doctrine for the dispensation of grace (Rom. 11:13; 15:16; 16:25, I Cor. 14:37, Eph. 3:1-9).

**The Ages to Come:** God will bring His purposes to fruition and thus Eph 2:7 points to the *Ages to Come*. The books of *Hebrews thru Revelation* focus on this.

This chart has a *foldout section* to demonstrate the importance of the secret, hidden nature of the present dispensation of grace (Eph. 3:1-9). Fold the chart to hide the "mystery" section and you will see the perfect continuity of that "which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets *since the world began*" (Acts 3:21). Open the chart to reveal the *mystery program* and you will visualize how the prophetic program has been temporarily interrupted by "the revelation of the mystery, which was kept *secret since the world began, But now is made manifest*" (Rom. 16:25,26).

The present dispensation of grace is "*the mystery*" hid in God until first revealed to the Apostle Paul (Eph. 3:1-9, Col. 1:24-26, Rom. 16:25,26, I Tim. 2:4-7, Tit. 1:2,3, etc.). Thus in Paul's writings *alone* we find the doctrine, position, walk and destiny of the Body of Christ. Remember: While *all* Scripture is *for* us, all Scripture is *not* written *to* or *about* us. This is the *key* to understanding the Bible.

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