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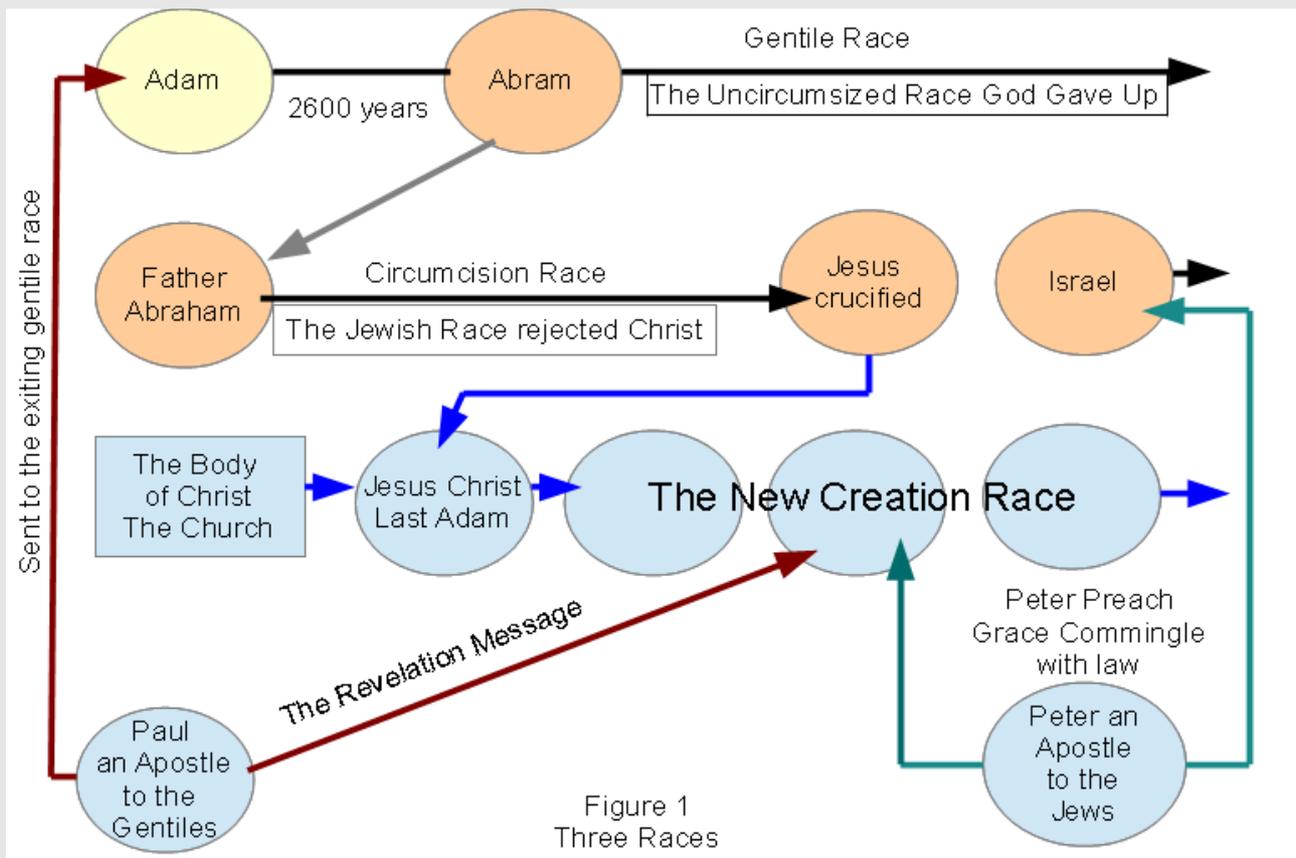
Part I

First Race: How did the races come about? God only created one race in the beginning. That race was Adam and Eve. From Adam sprang all nationalities on this earth, regardless of color. However, we are not going to speak of color, but of race only, which encompass all men. There was a time when there was only one race of people on the earth, and Adam was the federal head of this race. However, things did not go well. "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." ([Gen. 6:5](#)). The first race of people must have grieved God's heart. Cain killed his brother, Abel, and man has continued to be very sinful ever since. So sinful that God said: "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth." ([Gen. 6:7](#)). However, there was one man on the earth that was not like all the rest. His name was Noah.

Noah

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God." ([Gen.6:8-9](#)). It looked as though God's idea was to take the Adam race and start it all over again with Noah and his family. Indeed that is exactly what he did. Noah was instructed by God to build an ark for him and his family, and for the animals. Then the floods came and destroyed millions of people who were on the face of the earth. However, God did not start a new race or nation with Noah. It was more like turning over a new page with the same race. It would seem like a good idea to start all over again with a man that was upright, and who walked with God. However, things once again did not go well and this new generation also became corrupt. They became corrupt, because they were still living with a Satan nature in them, and this generation of Noah could not change their spots any more than a leopard could change his. **This defect has been built in the entire human race.** Doomed to failure was built in, and that is exactly what the human race did. They became as sinful as those before the flood, and possibly, a little worse.

They decided to build a city and a tower in order to make for themselves a great name. In plain language what they wanted to do was to get God out of their thinking. "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." ([Rom. 1:21](#)). Have you ever read the first chapter of Romans? This first race of people in Genesis is whom these scriptures refer. This Gentile race and all their children to come are cut off from God. In [Rom. 1:20](#), God says these people are without excuse, as they clearly understood who God was, but they wanted to erase him from their minds. At this point in Gen. 11, 2600 years have gone by, and the people once again have become exceedingly sinful. "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen" ([Rom. 1:25](#)). We are smart enough to go to the moon, eradicate many diseases that have killed thousands of people in the past, but we have not been able to read the word of God and **properly divide the scriptures.** In this area of spiritual understanding, we have fallen short, and blindness has covered our eyes to the truth. This is not so much different today, **when the gospel of grace is being stretched out of shape, and commingled with the past gospel message of the kingdom.** For this reason born again people revert to a lesser position, and the grace of God in their life dried up. "Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the *gospel of Christ.*" ([Galatians 1:7](#)). God said of the first race of people two times, "he gave them up" ([Romans 1:24, 26](#)) and in [Romans 1:28](#) "God gave them over to a reprobate mind." This meant God was finished with correcting them, and he wanted nothing more to do with them.



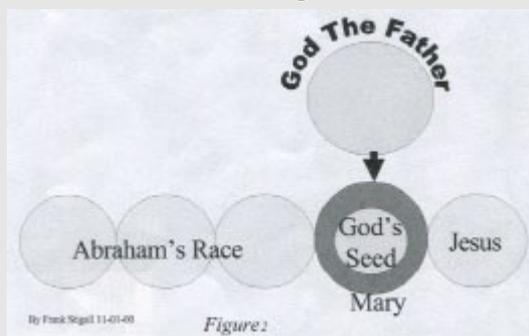
Second Race :

The second race begins in Genesis 12, when God called a man by the name of Abram. As you can see in figure 1, he called Abram out of the first race. The first race is known as the uncircumcised or *Gentile race* in the Bible. *Abraham was a Gentile*, (uncircumcised) and most likely an idol worshipper. Eventually Abram's name was changed to Abraham, who became the beginning of the *second race*. We need to see this is the creation of a new race of people who never existed before on the face of the earth. Abraham became the father of this race. The reason why this is so significant is that *God had given up on the Gentile race*. From Genesis 12 to the end of the Old Testament, God deals only with the Jewish people from the seed of Abraham. They were not always called Jews. They were first called Hebrews, because Abraham dwelled in Hebron for a while. Then they were called Israelites because Jacob had his name changed to Israel. He had twelve sons that became head of the twelve tribes of Israel. Then after the seventy years of captivity in Babylon, they adopted the name Jew which was taken from the word Judah. They were also known as the circumcised race. The name Abraham is found 162 times in the Old Testament, and 69 times in the New Testament. He is without a doubt a very important person in the Bible.

The Call of Abraham

When God called Abram in Genesis 12, he gave him four promises. "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" ([Genesis 12:2](#)). God promised Abraham he would make him a great nation, but he had no sons. So first God had to take a man of one hundred and a woman of ninety and produce a promise son just to fulfill his promise to him. The reference "great nation" refers to the Jews, the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob. I will bless thee, and make thy name great. This promise was fulfilled in Abraham's temporal blessings ([Genesis 13:2](#); [24:35](#)), spiritual blessings ([Genesis 21:22](#)), and fame ([Genesis 23:6](#); [Isaiah 41:8](#)), and thou shalt be a blessing, the consequence of God's blessing upon Abraham. ([Luke 1:73](#); [Luke 16:24](#); [Luke 16:30](#); [John 8:53](#); [John 8:56](#); [Acts 7:2](#); [Romans 4:12](#)). Genesis 12, was the beginning of the dispensation of promise and extends all the way to the cross.

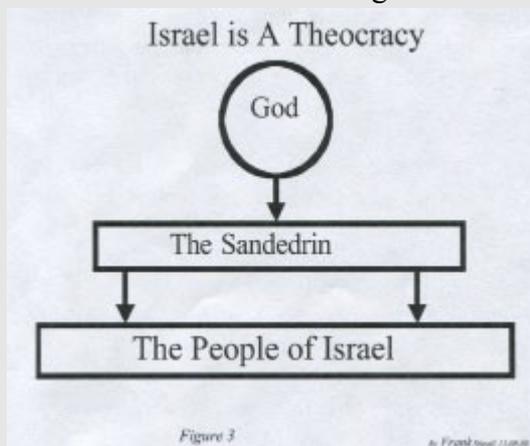
The main promise I want you to see is that of the seed. The reason is that with this seed, God the Father will start a new creation race. Check out Figure 2 for how this transpired. I know the Bible



calls this the seed of Abraham, but more to the point, the promised seed (Jesus) would come from God, to the lineage of Abraham. Abraham was not the father of Jesus. The lineage of Abraham provided only a body for Jesus through Mary, to house the seed of God. Thus, *Jesus was both God and man*. However, the body that was furnished by the lineage of Abraham died at the cross. Then the body of Jesus was resurrected, and changed to be compatible with eternity. The real point here is *God is the Father of Jesus, and not Abraham*. The next question is, are we (Christians) the seed of Abraham. “And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” ([Galatians 3:29](#)). Notice the prerequisite, “if ye be Christ’s.” First and foremost you must first belong to Christ. Then and only then are you Abraham’s seed, but not the natural seed of Abraham as that would make you a Jew. ***Instead you are of the spiritual seed of Abraham who is Jesus***. By death, Jesus became disconnected from the Jewish race. Jesus was not resurrected to become a Jew or a Gentile. However, through the resurrection he lives, and like Abraham he becomes the head of the new creation race that never existed before. I invite you to look at Figure 1 again to see how the new creation race was started. They came from a dead man that had been resurrected. “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit” ([John 12:24](#)).

The Government of Israel

We are trying to hold this chapter to how and when all three races were started, so we have left out a lot of things that transpired with Israel. This second race like the first one has witnessed God in His glory, but rebelled and backslides over and over again. The only reason I can figure why God



did not throw them out, was because of the promises God made with Abraham. Furthermore, he had chosen Sarah as his wife, ([Jeremiah 3:14](#)) and Sarah is to bare his Son, Jesus. If you look at Figure 3, it may help to understand how all this more clearly works. First of all, God has always been the head of Israel. He at one time governed Israel by Kings, Judges, and Prophets. That is to say, He spoke to these people, and told them what to say, and they became God’s voice to the people. The day came when God ordained seventy people to be his spokesmen and they came to

be known as the Sanhedrin. They served the same purpose as the prophets, and they were God's spokesmen to Israel. "And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone." ([Numbers 11:16-17](#)). Israel became very reluctant to have anything to do with Jesus. Can the mother hate her child so bad as the old proverb says, they threw out the baby with the bath water? When Jesus came on the scene, and *declared himself as their Messiah he was rejected by the Sanhedrin*, the highest judicial ecclesiastical council sometimes called the seventy.

This was the highest religious office in Israel. Israel is a theocracy, which means "their government is ruled by, or subject to, religious authority". Israel has two governments to obey at the time of the New Testament. They are the religious government, and the Roman government. This religious government is much like our Federal government. They make the laws, and deal out the punishment for breaking those laws. Their laws were in what they called the Torah. The Torah is a scroll of parchment containing the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures. This would be similar to our constitution here in the USA. With these five books of the Bible the Sanhedrin governed the nation Israel in spiritual matters. The Sanhedrin added six hundred and forty laws of their own making to the Torah. The point being God worked with the Sanhedrin and they, in turn, worked with the people of Israel.

Whatever the Sanhedrin said was what Israel did. In the course of time they did not remain a good group of guys, they became a group of politicians made up of Pharisees and Sadducee's. This is the group that martyred the apostle James, and on many occasions tried to kill Peter, and was guilty of crucifying the Lord of Glory. This is what is said about them. "For the Sadducee's say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both." ([Acts 23:8](#)). If the Sanhedrin had said Jesus was their Messiah then all Israel would have been saved. This group of Sanhedrin in Jesus' day was much different from those in the day of Moses. Nevertheless, God honoured the office in order to honor his government. Salvation for the nation must start at the top down to the people, under this theocracy. We must remember that when the Day of Atonement came around, it was the high priest of this group that entered the Holy of Holy's with the blood of the Atonement; a day when all Israel had their sins forgiven corporately in one moment of time. This pretty much agrees with [Romans 11:26](#). When salvation finely comes to Israel, it will come to all Israel.

Third Race

So now we have *two races on the earth*, but look what has happened to them. God has rejected the Gentiles, and the Jewish race has rejected God. What does God do? He begins all over again to bring forth a new race. *This race will have a new federal head, which is none other than the resurrected Jesus. This is the only race that begins with God, and has spiritually birthed sons in it.* It is called "**The New Creation Race**". "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." ([2 Corinthians 5:17](#)). We have said little about the cross up to this point, but the cross is the hinge on which all of the new creation hangs. Without the cross there would be no new creation race. The Father gathered up the sin of the entire world and placed it in the body of Jesus on the cross. The original sin of Adam, and all the sins of both races, Gentiles and Jews. In doing so, he destroyed the enmity between God and man.

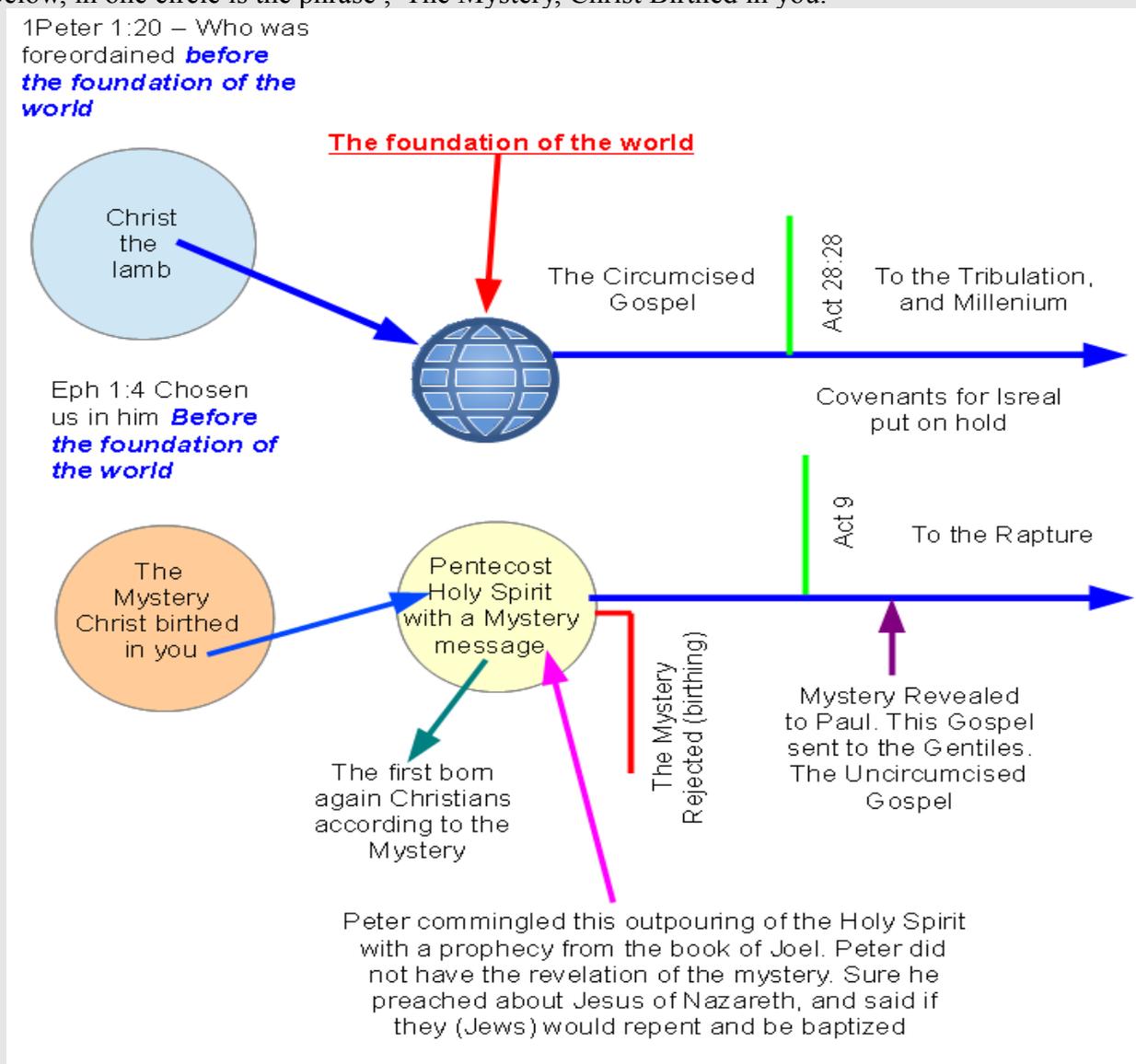
From Before the Foundation

How can a man who is sinful and has a Satan nature ever become born again. Being lost in trespasses and sin, without God, and on the road to Hell, it is quite evident that something must be

done in order that a depraved race could call on God for His hand of mercy. The Father has fixed all humans to be able to do just that. First of all, we need to understand the difference between these two scriptures which both say “**Before the foundation** of the world.” “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.” ([Ephesians 1:4](#)) “Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.” ([1 Peter 1:20](#)). This scripture ([Ephesians 1:4](#)) is not talking about the election of certain people, while others are rejected. It is saying that before the world’s foundation was ever laid, God chose all to be in Him. It says He loved the whole world, not just a chosen few ([John 3:16](#)).

**Part II:
The Two Gospels**

The mystery was a plan of God before the foundation of the world was laid, in fact there was no world at this time. This mystery plan took place in eternity past. Furthermore, this plan was shut up, and not revealed to anyone. This is actually the plan we are in today. Referring to the first chart below, in one circle is the phrase, “The Mystery, Christ Birthed in you.”



However, we are getting ahead of ourselves. In the other circle it says “Christ the Lamb.” This is the plan that was first introduced to the world, the mystery plan will be kept hidden until the day of Pentecost, was rejected, and then revealed to Paul who became an apostle to the uncircumcised

Gentiles. For a little more than four thousand three hundred years and five dispensations the world rocked on without ever knowing what had taken place in eternity past (the mystery). No prophet ever prophesied about the mystery. ([Rom. 16:25](#); [1 Cor. 2:7](#); [Col. 1:26](#)). It may even help you to know what gospel was being preached and how many gospels there are. From the chart you can see there are two gospels. One is called “The Circumcised Gospel” and the other is called “The Uncircumcised Gospel.” “But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;” ([Gal. 2:7](#)).

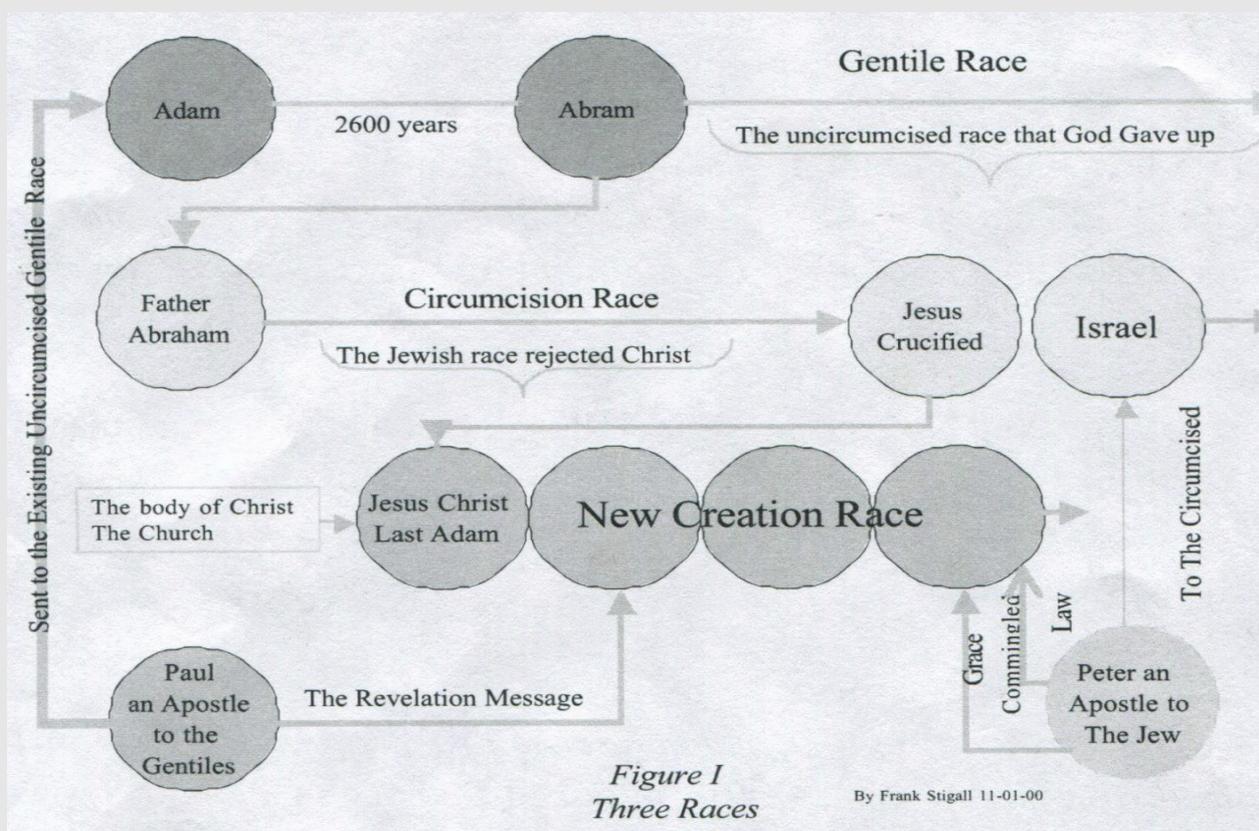
However, very soon we will find those neither circumcised, nor uncircumcised matters. In fact these words are referring to the Jews (the circumcised) and to the Gentiles (the uncircumcised). If any accept Christ, they become a new creature in Christ. “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.” ([Gal 6:15](#)). No Mystery in Old Testament I have illustrated in Figure 1, Part I (see page 6 of this article), the path of the believer to indicate the mystery of Christ birthed in you as your life, none of which ever existed in the Old Testament. No one was ever born again until the day of Pentecost. Even at Pentecost there is no scriptural evidence that anyone understood or had a revelation of the mystery. Therefore, for all intent and purpose the mystery was rejected. On the day of this new message (Pentecost) Peter commingled this outpouring of the Holy Spirit with a prophecy from the book of Joel. Peter did not have the revelation of the mystery. Sure he preached about Jesus of Nazareth, and said if they (Jews) would repent and be baptized

He would come back. In contrast, *Paul preaching Christ would call us up to meet him in the air. Peter has Christ coming down* and Paul has the Church going up. However, both are right. Peter is right in saying Jesus will come back. However, it is not in harmony with the mystery plan, but fits the plan for Israel ([Acts 3:19-20](#)). Paul is right in what he says because the rapture will occur, and the church will be called away. The mystery plan must take place first and the body of Christ be gathered unto the Lord in heaven ([1 Th 4:14](#), [15,17](#)). Then the plan for the return or the Second Advent of Christ that Peter preached about will take place. Was Pentecost A Disappointment? As you refer back to the first chart above, you might understand that Pentecost turned out to be somewhat of a disappointment, because Peter failed to hear the message. What was the message? The message was about the *Church, the body of Christ, the mystery, and the birthing. The only way he could have understood it was by revelation, not by prophecy.* This was the very purpose Jesus told his disciples that He would be sending the Holy Spirit after His ascension. “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” ([John 14:26](#)). Peter failed to hear the message the Holy Spirit brought at Pentecost.

God waited thirteen years before he revealed to Paul the revelation of the mystery, and sent him out as an apostle to the Gentiles (the uncircumcised). I think God planned Paul before the foundation of the world, with or without Peter, as one chosen “out of due season,” someone who never knew Christ after the flesh, someone totally new. Just like Moses didn’t get to take people into the Promised Land, so did Peter not get to take Israel into the Church (mystery). However, this caused a conflict between Peter and Paul as Peter was still preaching the kingdom message, and *Paul was preaching the grace message.* I have illustrated in Figure 1, Part I and illustrated again here, these messages are on two separate and distinct courses. They cannot be mixed as each wind up in two different destinations. Peter still wanted to preach the kingdom message to the Jews only, and shut out the Gentiles. It was the way the law was for seventeen hundred years. *Gentiles were considered to be as low as dogs.* Israel was the elite, chosen of God, and was of the seed of Abraham. The sign over their head said “No Gentiles allowed”. *Each message has their own plan, and both have different endings.* Under the circumcised plan for Israel, ends with them being restored to this earth (to the land) with Christ as king. This is an excellent plan. On the other hand, the Church is the body of Christ, a group of spiritually birthed people who become sons of God.

“And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.” ([Rom.8:17](#)).

However, I can see the Grace of God working. If this had not been pleasing to the Lord then I doubt the Lord would have performed all these miracles through Peter. Peter was only doing what Jesus told the twelve to do after the Holy Spirit came on them. ([Luke 24:44-49](#); [Mark 16:16-18](#)). It would appear that the door was still open for Israel to accept Jesus as their Messiah. Peter preached his kingdom message and three thousand were saved and at another time he preached and five thousand were saved. However, when Peter preached the kingdom message in the house of Cornelius, a Gentile, the Holy Spirit fell on them, and interrupted Peter’s kingdom message. There was no doubt that in Peter’s mind Jesus was the resurrected Messiah, who would bring deliverance and salvation to Israel. However, at this time Peter knew nothing of the mystery, later in life he will understand. If you follow the chart in Figure 1, below, you will notice that two gospels are illustrated, for each of the two different ages. The first gospel spanned four thousand three hundred years and five dispensations.



It was the one that was in operation in all the days of Jesus of Nazareth, and up to [Acts 28:28](#). At this point the prophetic message to *Israel* was put on hold. However, we must see from Acts 1 to [Acts 28:28](#) both doors were open. Even Paul preached about prophecy and Moses to the Jews in order to persuade them that Jesus was their Messiah. It is called a transnational time. The kingdom message is slowly being phased out as the grace message gains momentum through the revelations of Paul. Both Jew and Gentile can achieve salvation now, by being born again. “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.” ([Gal 3:28](#))

Who Are the Dogs “But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help. But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children’s bread, and cast it to dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of

the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." ([Mat 15:24-27](#)). This is a strong statement by Jesus, he just called this Gentile woman a dog. On other occasions, this term is used to describe Gentiles. *Why did he say that, and why did he say he was only sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel?* Two questions that demand an answer. Answer to the first question is this.

The Gentile races were the first people on this earth. They became very sinful. In fact, so sinful God said He gave them up in two separate statements of abandonment. In [Romans 1:24, 26](#) it says God gave them over to a reprobate mind. ([Rom. 1:28](#)). In fact most of the first chapter of Romans is why this Gentiles race became known as dogs. So this is the reason Jesus said do not go to the Gentiles, because God in heaven gave them up. Answer to the second question is, it was not the time of the Gentiles, that second race was still being dealt with. Let us see in part what happened at the cross. The Sanhedrin had completely rejected Jesus and he was crucified. "And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him." ([Luke 24:20](#)). However, let your ears and eyes receive this statement because it is one you most likely have not heard before. Even though Israel rejected Jesus, Jesus never rejected the Jews, he could not because he was sent to them only. The cross was not the end of the Jews, in fact, Jesus was their Day of Atonement sacrifice. The message of the kingdom to the Jews did not suddenly end. It is true the law was fulfilled at the cross and no more sacrifice will ever be needed again for sin. But the Jews remain God's chosen people. We need to understand something about the law. I have nothing to do with the promises to Abraham and Law could not nullify the promises to Abraham. Even though the law came 430 years later, was added because of the transgressions of Israel ([Gal. 3:19](#)).

Therefore, the *law of Moses ended at the cross*. It is this part that religion has tried to perpetrate. However, the promises to Abraham have never been fulfilled and will not be until the millennium. Furthermore, they must be fulfilled with Israel, and not the Church. God is honor bound to the Jews because of the promises, and the covenants he made with Abraham. God Himself promised He alone would fulfill every covenant with the seed of Abraham. So God is honor bound not to cast this people away like He did the Gentiles. So after the resurrection of Jesus he turned again to the Israelite, and conducted a forty day seminar to the Jews only. At this time the Gentiles have still not been invited to partake. For instance, there were two disciples on the road of Emmaus that Jesus joined himself to and he opened the word to them. "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." ([Luke 24:27](#)). Now if you have a discerning mind you will see, Jesus preached from Moses and the Prophets.

He did not preach the mystery or anything about being born again. The mystery had never entered the mind of a prophet, and kept secret since the world began ([Rom. 16:25](#)). So what was Jesus teaching? It had to be the kingdom message. So see the Jews were still in the running. Jesus never at any time during this forty days said a word about the mystery. However, He did tell the eleven apostles what to preach, to heal, and go to all nations and baptize them in water. Again, this was part of the kingdom message. These instructions were delivered in as little as ten days before Jesus ascended. The question we must ask ourselves: is this the message Jesus wanted the eleven to preach or is there another, or were these forty days of teaching a waste of time.

The Book of Acts

This is the great day that Jesus spoke about that would come. It was 50 days after the crucifixion. Jesus said he would send the Holy Ghost to comfort us. This is what Jesus said would happen when the Holy Spirit comes. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." ([John 14:26](#)). The cross changed many things for Jews and Gentiles. One of those things that changed is God has reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ ([2](#)

[Cor. 5:18](#)). Both first and second races have been reconciled to God. However, another thing that happened is that Israel no longer has the old blood covenant because the law of Moses has been fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

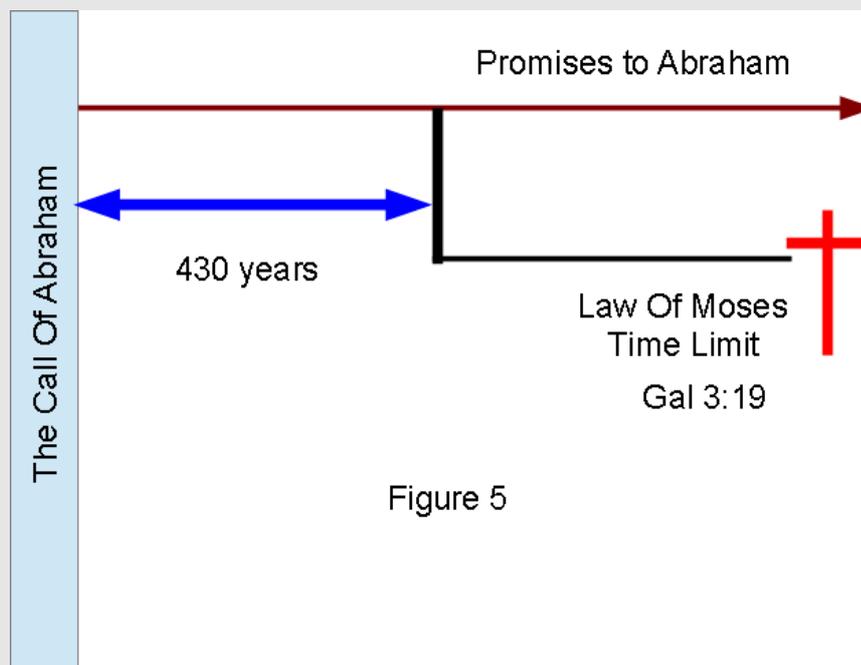


Figure 5

Now is the time for Israel to reach out and accept the new blood covenant, which was promised to them by God. "Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah." ([Jer. 31:31](#)) "And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." ([Heb 12:24](#)). It will not be like the Mosaic covenant in that it was conditional, but the new covenant will be unconditional. Its provisions will include a change of heart, fellowship with God, knowledge of the Lord, and forgiveness of sins. Israel did not embrace Jesus as their Messiah so they in effect turned down their new covenant, which was promised to Abraham. Did the Holy Spirit want to preach about the new covenant to Israel, or deliver the mystery message, or both? I believe all is in the state of transition with two possibilities before us here in the book of Acts. The book of Acts when examined is about the decline of the kingdom message and the rise of the mystery message which was given to Paul, both of which seem to be running concurrently after Acts 9.

However, the kingdom message has greatly declined. Peter still holds to some of the element of this message, mainly circumcision, and he is not completely ready to accept the Gentiles with an open heart. [Acts 1-8](#), the kingdom message, is being preached by Peter, and Stephen with great impact. Philip on the other hand did go to the Gentiles but preached with great authority. This was a departure from what the others were doing. However, nothing of the birthing is being talked about but Moses and the prophets are strongly presented. A review of those first eight chapters in Acts would be a good thing to do. The most amazing thing that I have found is these Israelites who accepted Jesus as their Messiah started to live like they were living in the kingdom of God on this earth. When Peter got through preaching, they were so pricked in their hearts to think they crucified the Messiah, they rushed forward and asked how to be saved. "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." ([Acts 2:38](#)). Notice, this is the kingdom way of salvation. Peter said for them to be baptized in water, but the born again are baptized into Christ, and have been baptized into his death at the cross.

Furthermore, Peter says water will wash away sin. Christians believe they are washed in the blood of Jesus. This is really coming short of the gospel under grace. Then there were added to the church three thousand souls ([Acts 2:41](#)). The salvation of souls is an Old Testament term. Even though we call salvation the saving of souls, it is not. We are birthed new—not made over. Then it says they continued in the Apostles doctrine, which entailed the offer of the kingdom, and a new covenant. What happened next could only be explained like this. Peter has convinced them their Messiah was coming back, and they must have perceived it as being He would come back by next week at the latest. So strong was their belief that they began living the kingdom message. They firmly believed nothing of this world's goods mattered if the kingdom was here then they have no need of anything. “Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold. “And laid them down at the apostles’ feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.” ([Acts 4:34-35](#)) I used to say the same thing, sell it all, the Lord is coming soon, and you won't need it. Well, I was only trying to be smart. However, these people were for real in that they believed in what they were doing.

They had no doubt that their Messiah was about to return and sit on the throne of David. These people actually lived in kingdom authority. It is hard to say how many groups of people have pulled away from society and decided to live like this early group of people in Acts, only to end up in failure and uncleanness. If you stick around long enough and make it into the millennium then this will work. I am simply stating that this is the wrong message for now. Peter was so mightily used they placed people so Peter's shadow might fall on them, and they were healed ([Acts 5:15](#)). So great was the power through Peter that it says, “they were healed, everyone” ([Acts 5:16](#)). There were no hit and misses—all were healed, regardless of what the problem was. “For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.” ([Acts 8:7](#)) John 13 tells us that Jesus knew his hour was coming, that he should depart this world and go to the Father. So I would suspect that he gave some of his most important teaching about himself and what the Holy Spirit was to do while he was gone. [John 14-17](#) is almost only the words of Jesus.

A careful look at his words will confirm that Jesus wanted to come in them and abide with them. “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.” ([John 14:23](#)) And they should come to this understanding “At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.” ([John 14:20](#)) There are many other scriptures in these four chapters that say pretty much the same thing. Plus, there are many scriptures concurring to operation of the Holy Spirit as teacher and that he shall teach you all things. So these words set the stage for the day of Pentecost. However, we have a forty-day period of time after the resurrection of Jesus that he instructs the eleven apostles what to do and what to preach on five different occasions ([Matt. 28:18-20](#), [Mark 16:15-18](#), [Luke 24:45-48](#), [John 20:21-23](#), [Acts 1:8,9](#)). In these instructions to the eleven he does not say anything about the mystery. He does not claim heaven for those who believe, does not say we are baptized into one body, does not teach that there is no difference between Jew and Gentile, and does not teach salvation by grace through faith.

Part III:

In some regards, it is a hard call to what Peter was to preach. Does he preach what was in [John 14-17](#) or does he preach what Jesus said in his last forty days on earth? Peter had only recently been filled with the Holy Spirit. Does that mean he suddenly understands what has taken some of us fifty years to understand? This side of things require a revelation to understand, and no where does Peter demonstrate he ever received a revelation of Christ abiding in him. Well, it is quite obvious he went with the great commission, which Jesus had instructed him on five different occasions. Did God suddenly cut his people off? It says nothing about it if he did. In fact, he had just taken

their sin to the cross. Perhaps the “all things” the Holy Spirit wanted to teach were to inform the Jews that Jesus was their Messiah. Peter preached the kingdom message, and the kingdom message is only to and for the Jews. The kingdom offer is still on the table—Peter said this was the Lord and Christ. In other words this is the supreme authority. Christ in the Greek is Christos, which means the Anointed One and Messiah. By offering Jesus as the Messiah was the same as offering the kingdom. The Messiah has long been the hope of Israel. Christ is not the Messiah to the church, he is saviour. “Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only” ([Acts 11:19](#)).

This kingdom message to the Jews was preached for a period of about 13 years. Furthermore, Peter and many others lived their life as though the kingdom had come. When Peter and others prayed for the sick he had 100% success, at least we have no reports of any failures ([Acts 5:16](#)). Even when Peter’s shadow fell on the sick they were healed ([Acts 5:15](#)). He was living a charmed life. Even prison gates opened of their own accord to him, and he freely walked out. Three thousand were saved and then five thousand, what an outpouring of God’s Grace this was. Acts 9 is another turning point in the plan of God. Jesus called the chief of sinners whose name was Saul (Paul) and revealed to him the mystery of Christ living in earthen vessels as their life. It is [John 14:17](#) coming to life in Paul. After Acts 9, the kingdom message began to diminish, and the grace message began to rapidly expand. Acts is mainly about the diminishing of the kingdom message. Luke, the writer of Acts, does not say one thing about the mystery message even though he followed Paul around and heard him minister the message. Jesus called Paul to be an Apostle to the Gentiles. Yes, he will be an apostle to the first race of people that God himself rejected.

They will be given a chance to accept Jesus as Lord and Saviour, for the second race (Jews) has rejected their Messiah. Not only that, but also the Jews that rejected God are given a chance to accept the mystery program and become part of the new creation race. God broke down the middle wall of partition that separated Jew and Gentile. No longer does circumcision, or uncircumcision matter. “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature” ([Gal 6:15](#)). “And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem” ([Acts 21:4](#)). How did Paul get to be in Rome under arrest with a Roman centurion to guard him? The story starts back in Acts 21. Paul was determined to go to Jerusalem, even though he was instructed by the Holy Spirit not to go on several occasions.

Paul did not obey this instruction, and went to Jerusalem anyway. There he met with James the half-brother of Jesus, who persuaded Paul to participate in a Jewish ritual. “Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which have a vow on them; Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law” ([Acts 21:23-24](#)). Later Paul was being asked to pay the expenses involved in the offerings required at the completion of the Nazarite vow which these four men had taken ([Num. 6:13-21](#)). He was being urged by James to take these actions. This would indicate that he was, after all, a “middle-of-the-road” Jewish-Christian ([Acts 21:26](#)).

However, Paul was quickly discovered as one who had betrayed Judaism, and then the riot began. They wanted to kill Paul, but the Roman guards stepped in and saved him. One should note that James, the half brother of Jesus, who was the head of this Jerusalem synagogue, did not lift a hand to save Paul. “And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome” ([Acts 23:11](#)). What started out bad for Paul as he disobeyed the Holy Spirit has now been turned to good, as all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. In the years of Paul’s ministry the Lord

has appeared to Paul four times: at his conversion ([Acts 9:5](#)), in Corinth ([Acts 18:9-10](#)), on his first visit to Jerusalem ([Acts 22:17-18](#)), and here ([Acts 23:11](#)) during his last visit to Jerusalem.

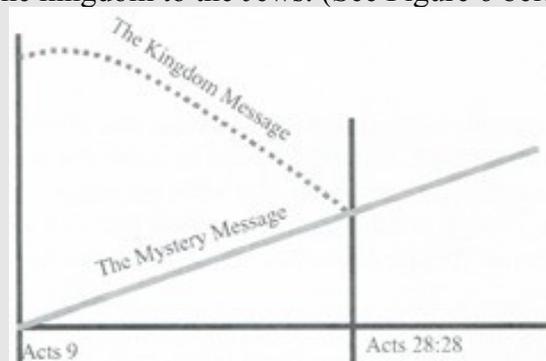
Paul from here was sent from prison to prison and from Roman hands, to the hands of the Sanhedrin, then back to Roman hands. Finally, Paul was taken to Rome and put under house arrest. Here he was safe from those in Jerusalem that wanted to kill him. Therefore, he could speak freely without fear of being stoned by the Jews, as he was under the protection of a Roman guard. This bondage of Paul's was brought about by the mercy of God for the last hope of Israel to accept Jesus as Messiah. It looks as though the Father had Paul on a mission of mercy, just for Israel. Is this the final offer for the nation to acknowledge Jesus as Messiah? "For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain" ([Acts 28:20](#)). "And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening" ([Acts 28:23](#)).

Most think the great division in the Bible is between the Old Testament and the New Testament, but it is not. God's purpose concerning the earth and the reign of Christ upon it is the subject of "prophecy" ([2 Peter 1:16-19](#)). His purpose concerning heaven and our exaltation there with Christ is the subject of "the mystery" ([Eph. 2:4-10, 3:1-4](#)). Unto these two great subjects the scriptures are basically divided. Also notice an important fact that Paul spoke all day long out of Moses and the prophets to the Sanhedrin. If Paul spoke only of Moses and the prophets, then the mystery would not have been included because it is not found in Moses or the prophets. So this conference should be called the last effort to convince Israel that Jesus was their Messiah. It appears the last offer is on the table for the kingdom. If they had accepted it all Israel could have moved into the kingdom, and the new covenant to Israel would have come into effect ([Ezekiel 36:26-28](#)).

Remember, the Sanhedrin are the highest court in Israel. As we have pointed out before Israel is a Theocracy and the Sanhedrin are the judicial branch in Israel. In our society they compare to the Senate, and the House of Representatives. They are the lawmakers and we follow what they legislate. If they say Jesus is Messiah then all Israel would have followed since they are Israel's spiritual leaders. Salvation for Israel is a corporate, which means all Israel could be saved at one time ([Rom. 11:26](#)). It only took one sacrifice on the Day of Atonement to apply to all Israel for salvation. The sacrifice to end all sacrifice was Christ the Lamb of God. However, I am sure Paul knew there was no use in preaching justification without the law to them. They would not have listened to it, but the apostle Paul being a Jew, a Hebrew, and a Pharisee knew very well how the Jewish mind worked. He understood what the Jews would listen to, and what they would not listen to. It would be better for them to know Jesus was their Messiah and let them accept him on that level than not at all. The Jew at that time was still under the umbrella of the promises to Abraham. Remember the theme of Acts is about the diminishing of the kingdom message and the failure of Israel to respond to the beckoning of the Holy Spirit.

Over and over again Paul brings proof to Israel that Jesus is the Messiah and they still reject it. Some of the chiefs in Israel were convinced and some were not, so they argued among themselves like good politicians do, and began to depart. However, before they left Paul pronounced on them an indictment by the Holy Spirit. "For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear. And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves" ([Acts 28:27-29](#)). This indictment Paul delivered to the Jews says this in general: All opportunity is withdrawn at this time for Israel to enter the earthly kingdom, and it will not be until

after the Church has been raptured that the offer will be opened again to Israel. The mystery message has been sent to the Gentiles, “gone to the dogs”, and the kingdom message is no longer on the table. Even the apostle Peter has trouble handling the message being given to the Gentiles (Acts 10). This then is the purpose of God for rejection of Israel. “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” ([Rom. 11:11](#)) . Paul has determined there was no use in talking to people that will not hear, see, or understand. Was this the end of salvation for the Jews? No, this was the end of the offer of the kingdom to the Jews. (See Figure 6 below).



From this point on the message is only about the mystery and both Jews and Gentiles can be born again and become part of the new creation race. “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” ([Eph. 2:15](#)). The cross has made all races into one new man. There is no longer a division between the circumcised or uncircumcised. Some Things Are Different If you have been reading carefully, you might be drawing a conclusion that God had two plans in mind, one for the Jew’s and one for the birthed sons of God. Birthed sons can be either Jews or Gentiles. It is our duty to rightly divide these scriptures, so as not to give what belongs to the Jews to the birthed sons of God and vice-versa.

This is a challenge because four-fifths of the entire Bible belong to the Jews. That leaves only one-fifth for the birthed sons, or the Church. Even in the New Testament there are many passages for the Jews only. Yes, even among Paul’s epistles there are statements only for the Jews. If one does not know these things exist, then the Gospel becomes defiled, and the trumpet does not give a pure sound. Many stand in confusion today because of the mixing of New and Old Testaments. Purity of the Gospel is almost non-existent. The Pentecostal group that I was once part of loved the book of Acts, and accepted it as the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We tried in vain to work the miracles found in the first eight chapters, and believed if we had enough faith and did not doubt in our heart all these things could be ours. Somehow, we felt our works generated faith. We felt to have faith we must read the Bible and pray. Our thinking was, faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God, if it was read or taught. Then if all that did not work it was time to fast and pray. (We all felt that this put God in a hammerlock, making him cry uncle). This had to work, but it did not. Disappointment and hunger were the only reward for our works. Today I look at Acts differently and understand there was something else going on that did not include the Church, but Israel. There was no way we were able to duplicate those things. Lord knows we tried, and we confessed healing while we limped around with our physical problems.

We were in denial with a positive confession. This too had little or no effect. Have we ever stopped to think just maybe these things were not given to the body of Christ to perform? These miracles worked well for the Jews, even Peter had one hundred percent success when he prayed for the sick. We learn that Christ lives in us, and he is our preventive medicine. He always knows what you have need of. Without any fanfare he quietly heals us and gives us strength to face the day. We

may go through physical trials, but the feeling of our infirmities always touches him. I have learned to receive healing any way it comes: faith, doctors, or medicine. These sources are not of the devil, but God's gift to the world. We need to know what the intent of God was, and what his plans are for the Jews. His intent dates as far back as Exodus. "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine. And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel" ([Exodus 19:5-6](#)). The relationship specified in the covenant was that of Israel's being God's peculiar (special) treasure, a kingdom whose citizens were all priests with access to God, and a holy nation, separated from all other nations and devoted only to God. Now, we have to ask ourselves, who were all these priests going to minister to, as there was between three and four million Israelites. Peter has this to say: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" ([1 Peter 2:9](#)). These are great words, but they are not for the Church. The reason why we are not a priesthood.

This is the same kind of a statement as in [Exodus 19:5-6](#). We are not a nation, we are birthed sons of God. A nation is earthly, we are heavenly, and our citizenship is in heaven. I don't want to get off the track with this but it was God's intent to use his chosen people as priests. In Acts we see the beginning of that intent starting to be worked out. It is a passing glimmer of what could have happened if Israel had accepted Jesus as their Messiah. I believe the Jews would have carried the kingdom message to the ends of the earth, and the ones to whom the message was directed would have been the Gentiles. Most students of the Bible know that in order for a Gentile to convert to Judaism, he must be circumcised in order to become a proselyte Jew (e.g. [Mat.23:15](#)). In effect this would make Gentiles part of the chosen race, just as Jews who are born again today become part of the new creation race.

On the other hand, the born again have an entirely different message to deliver than Israel did. It is the message of reconciliation. In [Romans 1:24-26](#), God has made it very clear that he gave up on the Gentile nations, and gave them over to a reprobate mind, and then created the Jewish nation. However, because of the cross, God has reversed himself, and he has given this reconciliation ministry to us who are born again. "And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." ([2 Cor. 5:18](#)). The book of Acts is about the decline of the kingdom message, and it was cut completely off at [Acts 28:28](#). Along with the kingdom message we have at the same time, the beginning of the grace message. The kingdom message dwindled away, and the grace message became dominant. It would be a good idea to keep this in mind as you read. Acts can give the reader a lot of historical background, including how Paul was called to be an apostle to the Gentiles.

Part IV and Final Part:

Did you know that Israel declared war on God? Acts, Chapter 8 tells us that Saul had received what amounts to a decoration of war from the Sanhedrin, and he used it to its limit. "As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison" ([Acts 8:3](#)). Made havock means "to ravage like a wild beast," describing the intensity of Saul's hatred of Christians.

A.D. 59	A.D. 52	A.D. 53	A.D.55	A.D. 57	A.D. 68	A.D.64
Galatians	I Thessalonians	II Thessalonians	I Corinthians	II Corinthians	Romans	Hebrews
Acts 15:35	Acts 18:11	Acts 18:11	Acts 9:10	Acts 19:10	Acts 20:3	Acts 28
←A.D. 33 Acts covers a period of Approximately 30 years A.D. 62→						

But if you want to get the real meat of the Acts period for the Christians, then you must read the epistles of Paul which were written at the time of the book of Acts. In them is the meat for the Christian. Paul has the only revelation for the Church, or the unfolding of the mystery, that was hidden from before the Acts 28 foundation of the earth. Acts is a little like reading between the lines. The Acts epistles should be read to fully understand what was going on. These epistles of Paul written during the Acts period contain the message for the new creation race. They are Galatians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Romans and Hebrews. Now, if you can place these epistles in the right time period in the book of Acts you will surely come up with a much better understanding of scriptures than most preachers. Acts is a historical book about a time of transition from the kingdom message to the grace message. Transition is not something that is accomplished in a moment of time but over several years. The knowledge that there are two messages in Acts can keep you from losing sight of which road to travel, and help you make the right application of the scripture.

Let us point out some more differences between Israel and the body of Christ. As we have said Israel is a theocracy, they are not a democracy, and they are not a republic. God is their head, and He rules supreme, He has others under Him that are able to give His voice to the nations. This cannot be the church for one simple reason. The church is a family, and God is our Father, and the only way to be in this family is to be born into it.

ISRAEL, THE CHURCH, AND THE MESSAGE

Acts is a history book about Israel. The book of Acts opens with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Jewish nation and closes with the rejection of Christ as Israel's Messiah ([Acts 28:28](#)). "But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart" ([2 Cor. 3:14-15](#)). The Kingdom Message is no longer sent to Israel, as they are now in total darkness with a veil over their face, which means they do not understand any of the Old Testament prophecies concerning Christ. As long as Israel considers the law as permanent for salvation the veil shall remain. However, in Christ the veil is taken away, and revelation can flood in if they ever turn to Christ. Therefore, the book of Acts ends the dealing of Israel as a nation until after the church is called out. They no longer have a history with God until the Church age ends, so there is nothing more to write about concerning Israel. One might say they are dead in trespasses and sin. A most difficult hurdle for the most of us will be to understand the book of Acts. We have been taught that those things in Acts was the New Testament church at work, so we claim those miracles for our self without ever understanding God was still calling Israel out to complete his covenant plan with them.

The apostles in the Acts period were carrying out the great commission that Jesus gave them after the resurrection. They were commanded to go into all the world, preach to every creature, heal the sick, and speak with a new tongue ([Mark 16: 15-18](#)). We need to see the Lord did not cast away the Jews because they crucified him. Quite the contrary, His death was always emanate. In fact he was born to die, and his death was in the plan of God. "Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel

to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people” ([John 18:14](#)). Caiaphas the high priest could hardly realize the full meaning of his own words. He was simply expressing the thought of a political collaborator with Rome; and yet those words express the central doctrine of the Christian faith—the substitutionary atonement of Christ.

WAS ISRAEL CAST A WAY?

“I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew” ([Rom 11:1-2a](#)). “What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded” ([Rom 11:7](#)). We have a twofold problem with the chosen people that we must address in order to divide truth. First, there are Jews that flat out reject Christ as their Messiah and they were the ones that were blinded spiritually. This group never did obtain what they sought—their Messiah. The others have obtained to the election are the minority of Jews who are being saved today.

Paul gives us a little illustration on this subject using Elijah as an example. Elijah complained that he was the only one left that believed in God, but God told him He had seven thousand hid in a cave that he knew nothing about. In other words God has a remnant of the Jews reserved. This immediate crowd of reserve Jews are the born again ones, that have turned from darkness, unto the marvellous light of Jesus Christ. These Jews are protected from the wrath of God that is to come during the days of tribulation. We need to ask ourselves if there is a difference in the doctrine that Peter and Paul used in delivering their messages. I think we can find a very big difference. The Kingdom message knows nothing of the Mystery message. But they both have something in common and that is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

PETER AND HIS MESSAGE

Peter preached his gospel this way: “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” ([Acts 2:38](#)). Nothing wrong with this you say, then you are right if you are living in 33 AD. This is part of the kingdom message which says in order to be saved you must repent, be baptized in water and the prize is the gift of the Holy Spirit. Nothing is said about being baptized into Christ by the Holy Spirit. It leads me to believe that Peter believed the Holy Spirit was the power in ones life to do the miracles. Jesus said in [Luke 12:50](#), “But I have a baptism to be baptized with.” These words went over their heads; the only knowledge they have about baptism was in water. However, Jesus was talking about his death. Paul tells us in [Romans 6 :3](#), “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? So you see this is the difference in preaching between Peter and Paul. Baptism with the Holy Spirit joins the believer to Christ, separating the believer him from his old life and associating him with the new. We are no longer “in Adam” but “in Christ.” Water baptism can not do this. Forgiveness is through faith in Christ, not through the act of baptism. The Holy Spirit is a gift to all that believe—not a reward for works. “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ” ([Gal 3:27](#)). Baptized into Christ. Not water baptism but Spirit baptism is what brings believers into a living oneness with Christ, having put on Christ. That is clothing oneself with Christ, is a responsible act of appropriating all that Jesus Christ is. “For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones” ([Eph. 5:30](#)).

PAUL’S MESSAGE

Paul on the other hand never emphasizes water baptism and re-pentance as a means to salvation. Here is Paul’s message for salvation. “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved” ([Rom 10:9](#)). It is simple and straightforward. It fact it is too simple for many religious organizations, they

always have to add some works to it. They leave the new convert full of confusion, which he never gets rid of but incorporates it in his life long experience of being a child of God. The new convert has broken off the bands of the world, only to become bound with religious things.

RECONCILED

"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation" ([2 Cor. 5:18](#)). This is another point in Paul's message "reconciliation." It involves a changed relationship because our trespasses are not counted against us. We are restored to favor with God. A Bible example of this is Joseph who was cast into prison but was pardoned and set free. He was made ruler over all the land in Egypt; he was restored to favor. We are now to announce to others this message of God's grace, we are no longer in Satan's bondage but have been reconciled, just believe it and be restored to God. We don't have to live in bondage any more. We are free indeed by the new birth.

JUSTIFIED

"And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses" ([Acts 13:39](#)). A startling statement: What the law could not do (justify a person, or declare him righteous) Jesus Christ can do. This is something Peter's message did not have in it "justification without law." In Acts, Peter still preached law especially when it came to circumcision, the eating of clean and unclean food. He had to be worked over pretty good before he would deliver his message to the Cornelius Gentiles. And even after that experience he was careful about being caught by other Jews fraternizing with Gentiles.

OUR HOPE— A HOME IN HEAVEN

"For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven. . ." ([Col. 1:5](#)). You will only hear this word from Paul. Peter on the other hand offered a kingdom on the earth. This hope is reserved for those who trust Christ now in this age of His rejection. It is because the King along with His kingdom have been refused that God in grace has given believers today something better, a heavenly position.

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you" ([Acts 3: 19-20](#)). Be converted and turn around. That is, turn from sin to God by reversing their decision about Jesus and confessing Him as the Messiah. Then there will be the times of refreshing and the times of restitution of all thing, which refer to the millennial kingdom. This is one of the great differences between the kingdom message and the grace message. The kingdom message is about the Davidic covenant. God offers a king and a throne on this earth to rule from, and that king will be Jesus, thus we call it the kingdom message. Paul offers believers to become jointer's with Jesus Christ, and citizenship in heaven.

PETER THE APOSTLE

I would not want to leave you thinking that Peter never came to understand the message of the mystery, he did but it was late in life. In fact, he gives us some great scriptures such as "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" ([1 Pet 1 :23](#)). However, a close study of the scriptures will reveal he mainly ministered to the Jews. 1 Peter, is a mixture of things about the mystery and at other times he is writing about things that could only be for the Jews, for example, [1 Peter 2:9-10](#). His second epistle points more to the born again. Peter quickly fades to the background after Paul came along, and little is said about him after the Jerusalem conference ([Acts 15: 6-19](#); [Gal. 2:11-21](#)). It is quite obvious that the kingdom message gradually faded to the background and the mystery message was now the message of the hour. However, Peter was a great man of God. He wrote his two epistles in about 63-66 AD and was martyred in 67 AD around the same time as Paul was martyred.

The end

Bible Verses

Gen 6:5

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Gen 6:7

And he LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them

Rom 1:20

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Rom. 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.

Rom. 1:25

Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Galatians 1:7

Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

Romans 1:28

And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Romans 1:24, 26

24, Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

26, For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

Genesis 12:2

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:

Genesis 13:2

And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold

Genesis 24:35

And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menservants, and maidservants, and camels, and asses.

Genesis 21:22

And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest:

Genesis 23:6

Hear us, my lord: thou art a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy

dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead.

Isaiah 41:8

But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend.

Luke 1:73

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.

Luke 16:24

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

Luke 16:30

And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

John 8:53

Art thou greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: whom makest thou thyself

John 8:56

Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

Acts 7:2

And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran,

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.

Galatians 3:29

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

John 12:24

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

Jeremiah 3:14

Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

Numbers 11:16-17

16, And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.

17, And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

Acts 23:8

For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees

confess both.

Romans 11:26

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:

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new

Ephesians 1:4

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

1 Peter 1:20

Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Rom. 16:25

Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,

1 Cor 2:7

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Col. 1:26

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

Gal. 2:7

But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter;

Gal 6:15

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

Acts 3:19-20

19, Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

20, And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

1 Th 4:14 15,17

14, For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15, 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.⁷

16, 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:

17, 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.

John 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Rom.8:17

And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

Luke 24:44-49

44, And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

45, Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47, And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48, And ye are witnesses of these things.

49, And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Mark 16:16-18

16, He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17, And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18, 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.

Acts 28:28

Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

Gal 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.

Mat 15:24-27

24, But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

25, Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me.

26, But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.

27, And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

Romans 1:24, 26, 28

24, Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

26, For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

28, And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Luke 24:20

And how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to death, and have crucified him.

Gal. 3:19

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.

Luke 24:27

And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

2 Cor. 5:18

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

Jer. 31:31

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Heb 12:24

And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

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.

Acts 2:41

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Acts 4:34-35

34, Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

35, And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

Acts 5:15

Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

Acts 5:16

There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

Acts 8:7

For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.

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.

John 14:20

At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

Matt. 28:18-20

18, And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19, Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:2

20, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:15-18

15, And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16, He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17, And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18, 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.

Luke 24:45-48

45, Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

46, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47, And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

48, And ye are witnesses of these things.

John 20:21-23

21, Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

22, And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

Acts 1:8,9

8, But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.2

9, And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Acts 11:19

Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.

John 14:17

Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

Acts 21:4

And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.

Acts 21:23-24

23, Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which have a vow on them;

24, Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law.

Num. 6:13-21

13, And this is the law of the Nazarite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:

14, And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one he lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for peace offerings,

15, And a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meat offering, and their drink offerings.

16, And the priest shall bring them before the LORD, and shall offer his sin offering, and his burnt offering:

17, And he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat offering, and his drink offering.

18, And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it in the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offerings.

19, And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazarite, after the hair of his separation is shaven:

20, And the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD: this is holy for the priest, with the wave breast and heave shoulder: and after that the Nazarite may drink wine.

21, This is the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed, and of his offering unto the LORD for his separation, beside that that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

Acts 21:26

Then Paul took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.

Acts 23:11

And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

Acts 9:5

And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

Acts 18:9-10

Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

10, For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this

city.

Acts 22:17-18

7, And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance;

18, And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.

Acts 28:20

For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

Acts 28 :23

And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening.

2 Peter 1:16-19

16, For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

17, For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

18, And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

19, We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

Eph. 2:4-10

4, But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)²

6, And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7, That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8, For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9, Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10, For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.³

Eph 3:1-4

1, For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

2, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

3, How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,¹

4, Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

Ezekiel 36:26-28

26, A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

27, And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

28, And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Rom. 11:26

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:

Acts 28:27-29

27, For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

28, Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.

29, And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

Rom. 11:11

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.

Eph. 2:15

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;

Exodus 19:5-6

5. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

6, And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

1 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

Mat.23:15

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

Romans 1:24-26

24, Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25, Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.⁸

26, For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

Acts 8:3

As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

2 Cor. 5: 18

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

2 Cor. 3:14-15

14, But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the

reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

15, But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

Mark 16: 15-18

15, And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16, He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

17, And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

18, 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.

John 18:14

Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

Rom 11:1-2

1, I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

2, God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, I

Rom 11 :7

What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded

Luke 12:50

But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!

Romans 6 :3

Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

Gal 3:27

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Eph. 5:30

For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Rom 10:9

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Acts 13:39

And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Col. 1:5

For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

Acts 3: 19-20

19, Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

20, And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

1 Pet 1 :23

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Peter 2:9-10

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:
10, Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

Acts 15: 6-19

6, And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.
7, And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.
8, And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;
9, And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.
10, Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?
11, But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.
12, Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.
13, And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:
14, Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.
15, And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,
16, After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:
17, That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.
18, Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.
19, Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

Gal. 2:11-21

11, But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed.
12, For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.
13, And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.
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?
15, We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,
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.

17, But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

18, For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

19, For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

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.

21, I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Gen.6:8-9

8, But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

9, These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.⁴

