

GUILTY OR ... NOT GUILTY ?

The windy city will be filled with lots of 'hot air' starting next weekend, as 'mid-Acts-ers' gather for a conference centered around the 400 year anniversary of the King James Version of the Holy Bible which they claim to believe but in both doctrine and practice, they do NOT believe.

This study provides an effective list of points on which to question 'mid-Acts' 'pastors' (as they like to be called metaphorically, though they claim to have NO SHEEP), rather than being a 'bishop' like PAUL wrote. It shows their guilt in denying the writings of the very apostle they claim to follow (Paul).

We charge the 'mid-Acts-ers' with the following counts where their teaching denies the plain truth of scripture -- in particular, that PAUL wrote. We will see the verdict that the LORD, the righteous judge (2 Tim 4:8), rendered through PAUL, so you can clearly see whether the 'mid-Acts-ers' are GUILTY or NOT GUILTY of contradicting themselves.

COUNT #1: 'Mid-Acts-ers' say

that Paul preached "a distinct gospel" that was not known before.

We call the apostle Paul as our witness. We question him specifically:

"Paul, was the gospel you preached already recorded in God's word?

Did anyone have access to this gospel information before you received it?"

Paul answered that the gospel he preached, and by which the saints at Corinth were saved (1 Cor 15:1-2) had already been written in the Bible:

1 Cor 15:3-4 For I (Paul) delivered unto you (Corinthians) first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** **according to the scriptures;**
 4 And that **he was buried,** and that **he rose again the third day** **according to the scriptures;**

What verdict does **the LORD, the righteous judge** (2 Tim 4:8), render

As to COUNT #1 ?

'Mid-Acts-ers' are **GUILTY** of **not believing the scriptures written by**

Paul that the gospel he preached was "according to the scriptures".

COUNT #2: 'Mid-Acts-ers' say

that Paul preached 'a different gospel' than Peter and the 12 preached.

The apostle Paul is still on the stand. We interrogate him further.

"Paul, did you get the gospel you preached from Peter or the 12?"

Gal 1:11-12 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is **not after man.**

"OK, the gospel you preached did not come from any man.

So, tell us, Paul what Person gave you the gospel that you preached?"

Gal 1:12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by **the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

"We understand. The gospel you preached was not 'hear-say' from some other apostle. Jesus Christ gave information directly to you information that was already recorded in the scriptures, right?"

1 Cor 15:3-11 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

"Paul, was that gospel that you preached 'a different gospel' than the gospel that Peter preached?"

1 Cor 15:5-a And that he was seen of **Cephas**,

*"Let us clarify. According to the record of **John 1:42**, Cephas is Peter. What about the other apostles?"*

1 Cor 15:5-b then of **the twelve**:

"Paul, were there any others who gave witness that Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and resurrected the 3rd day? Any men who saw Him?"

1 Cor 15:6 After that, he was seen of **above five hundred brethren** at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

"Interesting more than 500 other men Peter the 12! Anyone else you can think to mention specifically, Paul?"

1 Cor 15:7-a After that, he was seen of **James**;

"James, too. Any more?"

1 Cor 15:7-b then of **all the apostles**.

"What about you yourself, Paul? Did YOU see Jesus after He was risen?"

1 Cor 15:8 And last of all **he was seen of me also,**
as of one born out of due time.

"Paul, are you aware that 'mid-Acts-ers' claim to follow only YOU? They REFUSE the testimony of ALL the other apostles and focus only on YOU personally. We realize that, by God's grace, you worked harder for the Lord than anyone. But would you make comment about your 'superior' status?"

1 Cor 15:9-10 For **I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle,** because **I persecuted the church of God.**

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

"You have named Peter and the 12 then over 500 brothers as well as James and all the apostles and lastly, yourself - ALL giving account of Jesus' death for our sins and His resurrection from the grave.

Count # 2 is about YOU preaching 'a different gospel' than all these men.

Answer plainly, Paul. Did you or did you NOT preach 'a different gospel'?

1 Cor 15:11 Therefore **whether it were I or they, so we preach,**
and so ye believed.

What verdict does **the LORD, the righteous judge** (2 Tim 4:8), render

As to COUNT #2 ?

'Mid-Acts-ers' are **GUILTY** of **not believing the scriptures written by**

Paul that he, along with MANY others, who he INcluded by name: Peter, the 12, James, and ALL the apostles -- SO PREACHED the 'same' gospel.

COUNT #3: 'Mid-Acts-ers' insist

that Peter preached 'a different gospel' than Paul preached.

"Paul, you just testified that the Corinthians received the gospel of Christ dying for our sins and rising again the 3rd day and that whether you or Peter, or James, or any of the 12, or any of the 'more than 500 brethren' preached it they believed it and were saved (1 Cor 15:1-11).

Did the Galatians receive the same gospel that the Corinthians received?

What would be the fate of ANY man who preached a different gospel?

Gal 1:9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Quite stern. Paul, you may step down, but we reserve the right to recall you. We call our next witness, Luke, to testify, as to what Peter preached.

Will Luke support or deny that Peter preached 'a different gospel' than Paul?

"Luke, you kept written account of Peter's preaching. When certain of the sect of the Pharisees commanded the Gentiles to keep the law just what was Peter's position on that? Did God chose PETER to take the gospel to the Gentiles - before PAUL took it? What did you hear Peter say?"

Acts 15:7 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.**

"What did God do in response to PETER - not PAUL - preaching the salvation gospel (Acts 11:14) to a group of Gentiles who were gathered at Cornelius' house (Acts 10:24)? Did GOD treat them like a different sect?"

Acts 15:8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, **giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;**

"Luke, 'mid-Acts-ers' focus on PAUL teaching "no difference" between Jew and Gentile. But, did Peter teach "no difference" before Paul taught it?"

Acts 15:9 And **put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.**

"Luke, 'mid-Acts-ers' say that Peter taught the law. Did he?"

Acts 15:10 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?

"Luke, did Peter preach a gospel of the law, as 'mid-Acts-ers' claim he did or did Peter preach the gospel of grace, like Paul? What did Peter say?"

Acts 15:11 But we believe that **through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.**

What verdict does **the LORD, the righteous judge** (2 Tim 4:8), render

As to COUNT #3 ?

'Mid-Acts-ers' are **GUILTY** of **not believing the scriptures written by Paul** that ANY man who preached ANY other gospel is accursed.

'Mid-Acts-ers' are also **GUILTY** of **not believing the scriptures written by Luke nor testimony by Peter** that Peter also preached the grace of God to the Gentiles.

COUNT #4: 'Mid-Acts-ers' say

that Paul started 'a different church' wherein, he was the 1st member.

*"Paul, in your previous statement (for the record, 1 Cor 15:9), you stated another point that the 'mid-Acts-ers' fail to understand -- that is, that **prior to your own salvation you actually persecuted the very same church of God of which you are now a part.** Did you, in fact, do that?"*

Gal 1:13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure **I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it:**

"Paul, I remind you of the stenographer and that you are under oath."

Gal 1:20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

"Paul, what about those JEWISH saints in Judaea who had believed in Jesus? 'Mid-Acts-ers' classify them in a separate group and say they are NOT members of the body of Christ. Would THEY recognize you if they saw you?"

Gal 1:22 And (I, Paul) was unknown by face unto **the churches of Judaea which were in Christ:**

"Paul, did those JEWISH believers think you were starting a NEW church like the 'mid-Acts-ers' teach one where they would be EXCLUDED, as if they were not even in the same faith but in some 'other' church of God?"

Gal 1:23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now **preacheth the faith** which once he destroyed.

"Someone told the truth to those JEWISH churches, that you were promoting the same belief that you used to tear down. What was their response?"

Gal 1:24 And they glorified God in me.

"Paul, did the saints of Thessalonica look to the JEWISH believers who were 'in the churches of God in Christ Jesus' as examples to follow?"

1 Thess 2:14 For **ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus:** for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews:

"Were there JEWISH believers who were 'in Christ' BEFORE you, Paul?"

Rom 16:7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, **my kinsmen,** and my fellowprisoners, who are of note among the apostles, **who also were in Christ before me.**

"Paul, regarding 'the faith' you now preach (but that you once destroyed) was it the SAME faith or was it a DIFFERENT faith?"

*Didn't you apply PROPHETIC SCRIPTURES namely, **Psa 116:10** from the OLD testament upon the Corinthian saints thus showing 'one faith'?"*

2 Cor 4:13 **We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken;** we also believe, and therefore speak;

"How many faiths are there, Paul?"

Eph 4:5 One Lord, **one faith,** one baptism,

"Paul, were you the 1st member of a new church? Or do you testify that you were the 1st upon whom Jesus Christ showed His patience as a 'form' for others who would trust Him?"

1 Tim 1:15-16 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that **in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.**

Wow, your Honor, charge #4 is another outright lie by the hyper-dispies.

Mid-Acts-ers use **1 Tim 1:16** to say that Paul was the 1st member of a new church, called the body of Christ. But Paul said nothing of the sort.

Notice these points about Paul's testimony:

Point #1: Paul did not claim to be the 1st 'member' of anything.

Point #2: Paul did not even mention the 'church'.

Point #3: Paul did not even mention the 'body of Christ'.

"Paul, it is true that you wrote about

- a new lump - 1 Cor 5:7
- a new testament - 1 Cor 11:25, 2 Cor 3:6
- a new creature - 2 Cor 5:17, Gal 6:15
- a new man - Eph 2:15, 4:24; Col 3:10
- a new moon - Col 2:16

but you never mentioned • a new church."

What verdict does **the LORD, the righteous judge** (2 Tim 4:8), render

As to COUNT #4 ?

'Mid-Acts-ers' are **GUILTY** of **adding doctrine to the scriptures written by Paul** by teaching that Paul is the 1st member of a new church, called the body of Christ when NO VERSE says that ANYWHERE.

CLOSING STATEMENTS:

'Mid-Acts-ers' deny the things spoken and written by Paul while claiming to follow him. They refuse to accept his own testimony concerning his own ministry. According to Paul's own statements, he did NOT teach 'new, mystery information' but only what the prophets had already said:

Acts 26:22 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:

Paul showed and explained about Christ and His kingdom by using the OLD testament scriptures:

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.

This could go on and on with verses that prove the 'mid-Acts' doctrine is wrong on MANY counts. Are you honest enough with yourself, after being shown the scriptures to admit when you are wrong? After you have read the verses, are you courageous enough to question 'mid-Acts' preachers?

'Mid-Acts-ers' were proven GUILTY as charged on all 4 counts by the words of God through the testimony of Paul.

Court is adjourned.

Matt 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

This is David Dowell saying, "Think about it!"
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