

## I S S U E S

For years, I was associated with a group of people that identify themselves as 'grace believers' and 'right dividers.' Self-called 'grace preachers' teach that you can't get doctrine from the book of Acts. They say that Acts is a good place to break your spiritual neck. However, this is not what God's word says. Who will you believe?

**2 Tim 3:16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God,  
and is profitable for doctrine,  
for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

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The 'theme' verse of 'right dividers' one that instructs us to rightly divide. It is set in a context with overthrowing people's faith because of putting the resurrection in the wrong place .... thus we understand how important it is to get it 'right'. Unfaithfulness to the verses will leave people unprepared:

**2 Tim 2:15** Study to shew thyself approved unto God,  
a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word of truth.

16 But shun profane and vain babblings:  
for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

17 And their word will eat as doth a canker:  
of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;

18 Who concerning the truth have erred,  
saying that the resurrection is past already;  
and overthrow the faith of some.

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'Mid-Acts' preachers made up other trumpets .... to fit their paradigm, rather than using the series of trumpets in the Bible because the last trump in the Bible is after the 70th week of Daniel, and they don't want it. Up until recently, they were counting 3 trumps. Now, they've deleted one:

**1 Cor 15:51-52** Behold, I shew you a **mystery**;

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump**:

for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

**1 Thess 4:15-17** 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.

16 (1) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven

- with a shout,
- with the voice of the archangel,
- and with the trump of God: ('Mid-Acts-ers' say that is the 1st trump .... when the Lord descends)

(2) and the dead in Christ shall rise first: (That's their 2nd toot, but the scripture says nothing about a 2nd toot here)

17 (3) Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: (They claim that is the 3rd and LAST toot, although again, the verses make no mention of a final 3rd toot when the alive are changed)

and so shall we ever be with the Lord. (Then they say that we will be **forever with the Lord in HEAVEN**. But they have a problem here, since we all know the Lord is coming back to earth. So they **fudge** by saying that we will NOT be in His 'personal presence' .... but we'll be 'with' Him, like, "Are you with me?" or "Are you thinking like me?" The verses do not say Jesus taking us up to heaven. In fact, Jesus came **down from** heaven. We will go up in the air .... to meet Him, where He has **descended FROM heaven** .... and we will be **with the Lord** .... **WHERE HE IS** .... FOREVER. We know that He is coming down to earth to set up His kingdom here. But that does not fit their paradigm, because they have **already established** they will be in heaven for eternity.

Recently, the 'mid-Acts-ers' have dropped off preaching the 1st trump, so now they just teach 2. They say it's 1 trumpet making 2 blasts.

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'Mid-Acts-ers' also use the 1st verse of the Bible as the springboard for separate destinies. They assign the earth for Israel .... and .... they designate heaven for believers through PAUL's ministry (who they-call-only 'the body of Christ') .... but this verse does not teach that:

**\_Gen 1:1** In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Paul and Apollos were merged into one .... as we are now ONE with Israel.

Therefore, 'what God hath **joined together, let not man put asunder!**'  
(Matt 19:6)

**1 Cor 3:3-8** For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

4 For while one saith, • **I am of Paul;**  
and another, • **I am of Apollos;** are ye not carnal?

5 • **Who then is Paul,**  
• **and who is Apollos,**  
**but ministers by whom ye believed,**  
even as the Lord gave to every man?

6 **I (Paul) have planted, Apollos watered;**  
but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither is **he that planteth** any thing, **(Paul)**  
neither **he that watereth;** **(Apollos)** but God that giveth the increase.

8 Now **he that planteth (Paul)** and **he that watereth (Apollos) are one:**  
and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

**1 Cor 1:12** Now this I say, that every one of you saith,

- **I am of Paul;**
- **and I of Apollos;**
- **and I of Cephas; (that's Peter)**
- **and I of Christ.**

13 **Is Christ divided?**

You cannot keep them separate when God made them one with each other:

**Eph 2:19** Now therefore ye are **no more strangers and foreigners,**  
but **fellowcitizens with the saints,** and **of the household of God;**

From the get-go of Saul's commissioning, Jesus made it clear that Gentiles were to get an inheritance AMONG the saints who were already sanctified:

**Acts 26:17-18** Delivering thee from the people, and from **the Gentiles,**  
unto whom now I send thee,

18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light,  
and from the power of Satan unto God,  
that **they may receive** forgiveness of sins,  
and **inheritance among them which are sanctified**  
**by faith** that is in me.

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 Anyone who is a **believer** .... is a child of Abraham:

**Gal 3:6-9** Even as Abraham believed God,  
 and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

7 Know ye therefore that **they which are of <ek> faith,**  
**the same are the children of Abraham.**

8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen  
**through <ek> faith,** preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In  
 thee shall all nations be blessed.

9 So then **they which be of <ek> faith** are blessed with faithful  
 Abraham.

The Gentiles are accepted into God's family .... by faith, as Israel was:

**Gal 3:14** That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles  
 through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit  
 through **<dia> faith.**

**Gal 3:26-29** For ye are all the children of God  
 by **<dia> faith** in Christ Jesus.

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

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.**

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

Yes, we are Abraham's children by faith .... because we believe, as he did:

**Rom 4:9-11** Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or  
 upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to  
 Abraham for righteousness.

10 **How was it then reckoned?** when he was in circumcision, or in  
 uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but **in uncircumcision.**

11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of  
 the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: **that he might be the**  
**father of all them that believe,** though they be not circumcised; that  
 righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

Abraham is all our father .... and the heavenly Jerusalem, is all our mother:

**Gal 4:26** But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

**Rom 4:16-17a** Therefore it is **of <ek> faith**, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also **which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,**

17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,)

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**Paul taught that the circumcision of the heart is what makes a true Jew:**

**Rom 2:25-29** For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

26 Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not **his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?**

27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

28 **For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly;**

**neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:**

29 **But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly;**

**and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit,**

**and not in the letter;** whose praise is not of men, but of God.

**To all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops**

**and deacons (Phil 1:1), Paul wrote that 'WE' are the circumcision:**

**Phil 3:2-3** Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.

3 For **we are the circumcision**, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

**Circumcision is now inward, not outward:**

**Col 2:11** **In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands**, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:

**Again, it is the spirit .... not the outward flesh .... nor the outward law:**

**2 Cor 3:3** Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written **not with ink, but with the Spirit** of the living God; **not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.**

The contrast in scripture is between the OLD testament and the NEW:

**Rom 7:6** But now we are delivered from the law,  
that being dead wherein we were held;  
that we should serve **in newness of spirit,**  
and not in the **oldness of the letter.**

**Heb 8:13** In that he saith, **A new covenant,**  
he hath made the **first old.**

Now that which decayeth and waxeth **old** is ready to vanish away.

**Heb 8:7** For if that **first covenant** had been faultless,  
then should no place have been sought for the **second.**

**Heb 10:9** Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God.  
He taketh away the **first,** that he may establish the **second.**

It is 'our apostle Paul' who wrote that we are ministers of the new covenant

**2 Cor 3:6** Who also hath made us  
**able ministers of the new testament;**  
**not of the letter, but of the spirit:**  
for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

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'Mid-Acts-ers' say you "**can't MIX prophecy and mystery**".

But they don't **have a verse** that says that. It's just their paradigm.

There are several things that Paul said .... that Peter said also, such as:

**1 Thess 5:6** Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us  
**watch and be sober.**

**1 Peter 4:7** But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore  
**sober, and watch** unto prayer.

**Saul was a prophet:**

**Acts 13:1-2** Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain **prophets and teachers;** as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and **Saul.**

(Acts 13:) 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and **Saul** for the work whereunto I have called them. (It was not until verse 9, that Saul's name was changed to Paul.)

**1 Cor 14:6** Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, except **I shall speak to you** either by revelation, or by knowledge, or **by prophesying**, or by doctrine?

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Paul had a clear understanding of the gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24), when he said that he didn't say anything other than what the prophets before him had prophesied:

**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:**

23 That **Christ should suffer**, and that he should be the first that should **rise from the dead**, and should shew light unto the people, and to the Gentiles. That was the gospel Paul preached (1 Cor 15:1-4).

Peter, the 12 apostles, over 500 other brethren, James, and all the apostles .... as well as Paul .... all preached the same gospel (1 Cor 15:1-11):

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

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Peter was the 1st person to say it makes 'no difference':

**Acts 15:7-11** 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**, (when GOD says there is no difference between us and them .... we better leave it like that. But 'mid-Acts grace preachers' put a BIG difference between us and them .... and it's not what God's word says) purifying their hearts by faith.

(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?

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

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You have probably heard it said many times .... that Paul opened **every one** of his 13 epistles with 'Grace and peace' .... well, did you ever notice that **so did PETER?** Peter opened 'all' of his 2 the same way:

**1 Peter 1:2** Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: **Grace** unto you, **and peace**, be multiplied.

**2 Peter 1:2** **Grace and peace** be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

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'Mid-Acts' preachers say that God started something **entirely NEW with Paul** .... that is a new creature for those **in Christ**:

**2 Cor 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.

But the folks that were **in Christ** .... **BEFORE Paul**, well, that would make them be new creatures, too:

**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.**

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When Jesus appears from heaven .... believers will get changed bodies like Christ's glorified body. John said it, and Paul said it, too:

**1 John 3:2** Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, **when he shall appear, we shall be like him**; for we shall see him as he is.

**Phil 3:20-21** For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 **Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body,** according to the working whereby **he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.**

When Christ appears from heaven .... is at the resurrection .... when all things will be subdued by Him. When will that happen? At the END:

**1 Cor 15:21-28** For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are **Christ's at his coming.**

24 **Then cometh the end,** when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

25 For he must reign, **till he hath put all enemies under his feet.**

26 **The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.** (Rev 20: 14)

27 For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him.

28 And **when all things shall be subdued unto him,** then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

It will be a body like Christ's body. He can go into the heavens or on earth:

**Luke 24:39** Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for **a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.**

When Jesus appears from heaven .... He will bring **ALL the saints from ALL the ages' souls** with Him to be united in a glorified body:

**1 Thes 3:13** To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.**

**1 Thes 4:14** For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

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 'Mid-Acts' preachers use this next verse to teach that

the **earthly Jesus .... is another Jesus:**

**2 Cor 11:4** For if he that cometh preacheth **another Jesus**,  
 whom we have not preached,  
 or if ye receive **another spirit**, which ye have not received, or  
**another gospel**, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

They make a big issue on this point by saying that Paul was called by  
 the **risen, glorified Lord from heaven ....** and contrast that by the 12  
 being called by **earthly Jesus**. However, it was the **risen, glorified Lord**

Who appeared to His disciples/apostles **AFTER His resurrection:**

**Mark 16:14** Afterward **he appeared** unto the eleven as they sat at  
 meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, be-  
 cause they believed not them which had seen him **after he was risen**.

Luke also testified He was the risen, glorified Lord that appeared to them:

**Acts 1:1-3** The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that  
 Jesus began both to do and teach,  
 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy  
 Ghost had given commandments unto **the apostles whom he had cho-**  
**sen:**  
 3 **To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many**  
**infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days,** and speaking of the  
 things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

The scriptures testify that the Jesus Who was raised and glorified ....  
 was, in fact, the **same Jesus** who lived on earth among men and died.

The angels told His disciples that He was the **same Jesus:**

**Acts 1:11** Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up  
 into heaven? **this same Jesus**, which is taken up from you into heaven,  
 shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Peter also testified that the Jesus that Israel had crucified was the **same Jesus, not** a different Jesus, that God raised and made Lord and Christ:

**\_Acts 2:36** Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made **that same Jesus**, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

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Jesus taught that the inheritance of saints is stored in heaven.

That information was not just through PAUL for his converts only:

**Matt 6:19-20** Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:  
20 But **lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

Paul told the Ephesian elders their inheritance would be among the saints:

**Acts 20:32** And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and **to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.**

**Eph 1:10-11** That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11 **In whom also we have obtained an inheritance**, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

**Eph 1:18** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that **ye may know** what is the hope of his calling, and **what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,**

'The riches of the glory' is that the Gentiles now have inheritance ....

That is 'the mystery'. We Gentiles now share equality with Israel:

**Col 1:26-27** Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:  
27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in **you**, the hope of glory:

**Col 1:12** Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath **made us meet (fit) to be partakers (we have part) of the inheritance of the saints** in light:

Peter also told about the eternal inheritance:

**1 Pet 1:3-5** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,**

**5** Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

These are just some of the issues where the 'mid-Acts-ers' do not follow the scriptures. They change what GOD's word says to fit their pre-conceived doctrine of DIVISION. For many years, I was deceived by them, but now that I am LISTENING to the verses, instead of to them, and I am trying to convince others that God really did say what He meant, and mean what He said .... and to pay attention to it, rather than accept some man-made story about it. The 'mid-Acts-ers' do not even follow the words of the very apostle (Paul) that they claim is 'THEIR' apostle. MANY times, Paul referenced verses from the old testament, and 'mid-Acts-ers' just swoop them away and discard them. I pray that people will wake up to their false divisions, and submit to true RIGHT division of God's Holy Word.

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