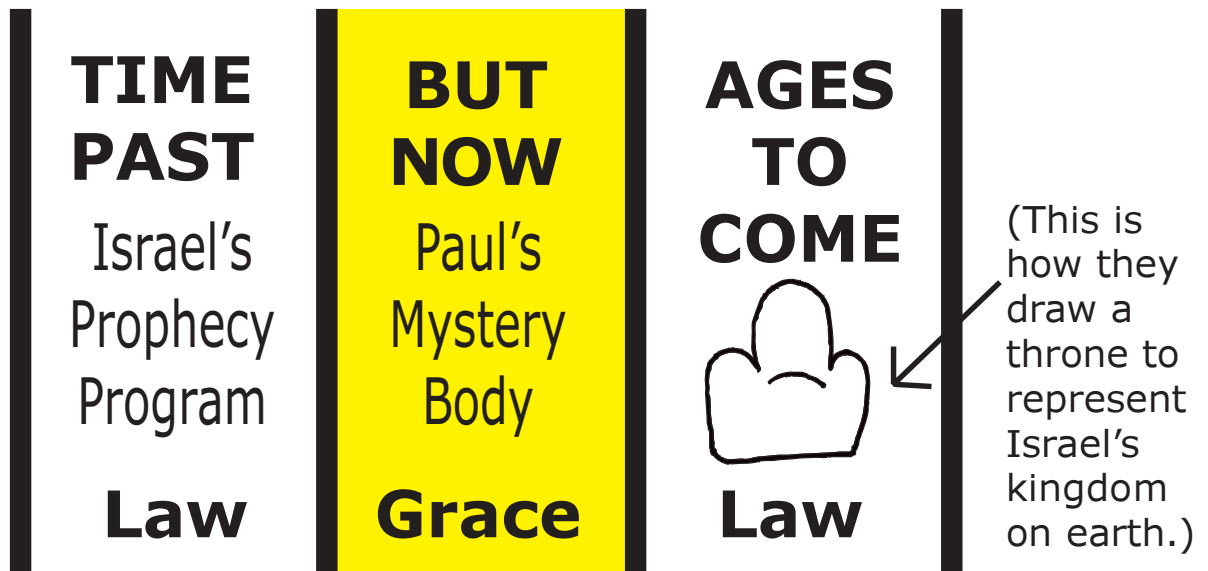


A Possessed Paul Follower

If you ever **see** a chart with the promotion of this doctrine, you should **RUN** the opposite way! The proponents of this type of chart claim to be followers of Paul, the apostle of the Gentiles, but, in reality, they propagate a paradigm of **division**, far from the **unity** taught in the Bible.

“Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth”

(II Timothy 2:15)



If you ever **hear** someone magnifying Paul by always quoting, 'Paul said this or Paul said that' (giving the credit and praise to Paul, rather than GOD, who inspired the words Paul wrote) then you should **GET AWAY** from them!

They profess to be followers of Paul.

They label themselves as being 'Pauline'.

They say they hold to 'Pauline authority'.

They advertise preaching about 'the distinctive ministry of the apostle Paul'.

Paul Paul Paul Paul. To hear them, it's 'everything Paul'!

The Holy Bible contains 66 books, 13 of which were written by Paul.

These self-called 'followers of Paul' classify the other 53 books as being **'out-side of Paul'**. They **publically** (even on their printed literature) **mark off** that huge portion of scripture as **'not being FOR them'** and thereby they dismiss 80% of God's word (53 divided by 66= 80%).

While claiming to be 'followers of Paul', they refuse to follow what Paul's writings SAY. This message will expose some of their teachings.

They read the scripture with their mouth, but oppose it in their doctrine and practice of life. They even go so far as to say that any 'Biblical doctrine' that is 'outside of Paul' is 'unsound' and 'dangerous'. They refuse to receive 'scriptural instruction' that is 'outside of Paul'. Their **blatant hypocrisy can be easily seen** by this one fundamental verse, even penned by Paul, where they focus on the first part, and **completely disregard** the latter:

2 Tim 3:16 **All scripture** is given by inspiration of God, (they take this - but they refuse the rest of the verse - so they can protect their paradigm):
and **is profitable** ● **for doctrine,**
 ● **for reproof,**
 ● **for correction,**
 ● **for instruction in righteousness:**

These 'followers of Paul' **lift a verse entirely out of its context** and with it, they **separate Paul's writings from the rest of the Bible** and establish their theme of 'Time Past, But Now, and The Ages to Come'. That's why they also describe themselves as **'RIGHT-DIVIDERS'**, and they springboard off this one verse, after throwing away most of 2 Tim 3:16:

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.

- someone could be a 'follower of Paul'
 - someone could say that 'Paul is a servant of the Most High God'
 - someone could teach a message that 'Paul shows us the way of salvation'
 - someone could do these things in repetition like a habit
- and yet for all that that person was possessed with an evil spirit?

It happened in Thyatira (Acts 16:14-40):

Acts 16:16-18 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel **possessed with a spirit of divination** (Puthon) met us, which brought her masters much gain by **soothsaying**: (foretelling the future)

17 **The same followed Paul** and us, and cried, saying,
These men are the servants of the most high God,
which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And **this did she many days.**

But Paul, **being grieved**, turned and said to the spirit,
I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.
And he came out the same hour.

The word 'Puthon' is linked to 'Python' from which 'Pythia' was named
in ancient Greek mythology

Pythia was the only female oracle (or speaker).

Pythia was so named for the monstrous serpent-god Python, who lived
in Delphi and protected the navel of the earth.

Pythia was said to be inspired (or induced) by gas emissions of vapors
coming up from a chasm or deep crack in the earth's surface there.

Pythia was priestess to the god Apollo, who slew the earth-dragon
Python, whose name means 'to rot' describing her decomposing body.

This was the superstition ... the evil spirit that possessed the maid-servant.

Divination was forbidden by God in Deut 18:9-15. It means 'to divine, to foresee, to be inspired by a god, to predict future events'. It has a formal process or standard ritual by reading signs or omens. Divination is usually **in a religious context** that is connected through alleged contact with a supernatural agency.

The young girl followed Paul.

She acknowledged him as a servant of the Most High God.

She said he showed the people the way of salvation.

She repeated her message for many days.

She was focused on Paul and saying some 'right things' about him.

But the damsel was possessed with a spirit of divination.

It troubled Paul so he cast it out of her.

God, through PAUL, warned the saints of people who would mislead them into believing what is not true:

2 Cor 11:13-15 For such are false apostles, **deceitful workers,** transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

14 And no marvel; (Don't be surprised!)

for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

Satan has ministers, too that look right but they entrap:

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also

be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;
whose end shall be according to their works.

Because the serpent was **more subtil (CUNNING, shrewd, sly, crafty)** than any beast of the field he lied to Eve in the garden of Eden, but he mixed it with some truth, in order to **trick** her like a counterfeit. Satan imitates and defrauds. He cheats you out of the truth of God:

1 Tim 2:14 And Adam was not deceived,
but **the woman being deceived** was in the transgression.

Do you know some 'followers of Paul' who teach DIVISIONS?

I do. I used to be one of them, for nearly 30 years. I was blinded and didn't know it. But as I studied God's word, I realized we were changing the verses and **putting in DIVISIONS** that were not really there. So I had to quit! Those self-called 'followers of Paul' are the ones who are **ADD-ING all the DIVISIONS**, in the name of RIGHT division. But they are **WRONGLY-DIVIDING, EXCESSIVELY DIVIDING!** They **DIVIDE** nearly everything. They teach 2 different Jesus, 2 groups of saints, 2-3 churches, 2 destinies, 2 separate inheritances, 2-3 resurrections, 2 sets of last days, more than 2 gospels, stating Peter and Paul preached 2 different gospels.

PAUL, by inspiration of God, said to note those people who produce DIVISIONS and snares and turn away from them:

Rom 16:17-18 Now I beseech you, brethren,
mark them which cause divisions and offences
contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; **and avoid them.**
18 For **they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ,**
but their own belly;
and by **good words and fair speeches deceive** the hearts of the simple.

God, through Paul, also alarmed Timothy about imposters that scam:

1 Tim 4:1-3 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times
some shall depart from the faith,
giving heed to **seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;**
2 **Speaking lies in hypocrisy;**
having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats,
which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving
of **them which believe and know the truth.**

with the bishops and deacons at Philippi, by inspiration of God, he told them to **observe, perceive, discover, discern, recognize, identify**

those destructive deceivers who SEPARATE and WRONGLY-DIVIDE:

**Phil 3:2 Beware of dogs,
beware of evil workers,
beware of the concision (those who 'CUT').**

Why? Hold your place here, as we reference an example Jesus gave:

Matt 7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs,
neither cast ye your pearls before **swine,**
lest they trample them under their feet, (They disregard the words of God.)
and turn again and **rend** you. (They will **tear you in pieces, rip you
asunder, and break you apart** as saints of God. That is what the 'followers
of Paul' do to the church of God. They divide it and tear it apart, in the
name of 'right division' and 'mystery'.)

Now go back to Phil 3:2-3, where Paul (by inspiration of God) warned
believers of those **dogs** who **work evil** by **cutting** because they rebel
against the truth that God has declared **ALL** believers are the circumcision
(a fact which the self-described 'followers of Paul' deny):

**Phil 3:2 Beware of dogs,
beware of evil workers,
beware of the concision (those who 'CUT', SEPARATE, or DIVIDE).**

Do you know of anyone who DIVIDES God's saints? I do. They claim
to be 'followers of Paul' but they DENY what God, through Paul, said:
3 For **we are the circumcision,** which worship God in the spirit,
and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

Paul (by inspiration of God) also alerted Timothy to the **increasing
dangers of evil men like 'jugglers' (a definition of 'seducers')
they entice by 'tossing verses':**

2 Tim 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse,
**deceiving (they deceive others),
and being deceived (they are deceived themselves).**

Matt 15:14 Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch.

Jesus warned of **evil men, who call Him 'Lord' but do not follow His word nor obey Him.** He predicted their **ruin:**

Luke 6:45-49 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and **an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil:**

for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

46 And **why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?**

(Likewise, **WHY claim to be a 'follower of Paul' and not follow the things Paul says?** Paul said the things that he wrote were the commandments of the Lord (1 Cor 14:37). Those 'followers of Paul' have DIVIDED God's saints like the carnal Corinthians (1 Cor 1:10-12). **They claim of be 'of Paul' and they think anyone who says, 'I am of Christ,' has believed 'another Jesus'.**)

47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:

48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and **laid the foundation on a rock:**

and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for **it was founded upon a rock.**

49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and **the ruin of that house was great.**

I'm glad I got out of that 'constantly dividing' group before Judgment Day. They will stand ashamed, if they are even saved.

Paul showed that Gentiles are no longer 'outside the wall' (Eph 2:14) but now, are included as 'partakers' in the house of God, built upon Christ the Rock (1 Cor 10:4; Rom 9:33; Psa 18:2, 62:2; 1 Pet 2:8):

Eph 2:19-20 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but **fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;**
20 **And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, (Acts 26:22-23) Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;**

Paul, along with all the apostles and prophets, taught that Jesus is the Rock on which the new testament church is built (Matt 16:15-18), of which WE are able ministers (2 Cor 3:6), through faith in His blood (Rom 3:24-26, Luke 22:20, 1 Cor 11:25) as the ONLY foundation. There is no other:

1 Cor 3:10-11 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, **I have laid the foundation**, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For **other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

Paul went to Gentiles, that had never heard the gospel of Christ before. That is what the big deal is with the apostle Paul. He was the apostle of the Gentiles (Rom 11:13):

Rom 15:18-21 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, **to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed,**

19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, **I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.**

20 Yea, so have **I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named (Gentiles), lest I should build upon another man's foundation:**

21 **But as it is written,** To whom he was not spoken of (Gentiles), they shall see: and they (Gentiles) that have not heard shall understand.

The TRUE 'followers of Paul' are those who are 'followers of Christ' -

NOT those who claim 'the Christ' of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John was 'another Jesus'. (They CLAIM to follow Paul, but they do not follow him):

1 Cor 11:1 **Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.**

Beware of those who are followers
of the **Cunning Royal Jester** as he follows Paul !!

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

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