

What REAL Right Division Means

Many people put a **spin** on what-they-call 'Right Division' groups have their **own versions** of exactly **how** to 'rightly divide'. Some even promote their **identity** as 'right-dividers'. Some Bible clubs have formed acronyms using letters from words in the verse containing 'rightly dividing'. In this study, we will examine how **GOD** divides His truthful word.

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.

Past, Present, and Future is a natural division,
particularly as it relates to Jews and Gentiles in the Bible.

In the **Past:**

- Jews (national Israel) were God's chosen people,
- and Gentiles (all the other nations) were without God:

Eph 2:11-13 Wherefore remember, that ye being in **time past** Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

12 That at **that time** (time past) ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

In the **Present:**

- Jews are Jews **inwardly**,
- and believing Gentiles are now 'the Circumcision'.

Now there is **no difference** between the Jew and the Gentile.

13 **But now** (present) in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

In the **Future:**

- ALL God's saints will inherit eternal life together.

Eph 2:7 That in **the ages to come** (future) he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

In the **Past:** • Jews (national Israel) were God's chosen people.

Moses spake for God unto Israel God's special, chosen people:

Deut 7:6 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God:
the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself,
above all **people** that are upon the face of the earth.

Moses told Israel, for God, that they were God's peculiar, chosen nation:

Deut 14:2 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God,
and **the LORD hath chosen thee** to be a peculiar people unto himself,
above all the **nations** that are upon the earth.

Israel alone was blessed of God as His chosen nation of people:

Psa 33:12 Blessed is **the nation whose God is the LORD;**
and **the people whom he hath chosen** for his own inheritance.

In the **Past:** • Gentiles (all the other nations) were without God. Back then, it was unlawful that Jews be joined together in any way with Gentiles.

But in the **Present:** • God cleansed the Gentiles for the gospel:

Acts 10:28 And he (Peter) said unto them (many Gentiles at Cornelius' house), Ye know how that **it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation;** but **God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.**

In the **Present:** • Jews are Jews **inwardly**

which now includes believing Gentiles.

Circumcision is no longer 'made with hands' but only in the heart:

Rom 2:28-29 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.

In the **Present:** • believing Gentiles are included as 'the Circumcision':

Phil 3:3 For **we are the circumcision**, which worship God in the spirit (**John 4:24**), and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.

In the **Present:** • there is **no difference** in the Jew and the Gentile.

Peter was the 1st apostle to testify of that truth:

Acts 15:7-9 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.

The apostle Paul was also a witness to '**no difference**' anymore:

Rom 10:12 For **there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek:** (the Greek word translated 'Greek' here is translated 'Gentile' 7 other times) for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. (also Psa 145:18, Acts 2:21)

We all drink into One Spirit of Christ we all eat into One Bread of Christ:

1 Cor 12:13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into **one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles**, whether we be bond or free; and have been **all made to drink into one Spirit.**

The cup of blessing is the communion of the blood of Christ, and the bread is the communion of His body which Jew and Gentile share together:

1 Cor 10:17 For **we being many are one bread, and one body:** for **we are all partakers of that one bread.**

Jesus explained HE is that bread. Thus, we are ALL partakers of HIM:

John 6:47-48 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. 48 **I am that bread of life.**

In the **Future:** • ALL God's saints will inherit eternal life together.

It is commonly known that we are saved by **GRACE**

yet how often do you hear it said that we are saved by **HOPE?**

Rom 8:24 For **we are saved by hope:**

but **hope that is seen is not hope:**

for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

Like faith (Heb 11:1) hope is also invisible;

and like faith hope is REAL.

As we study REAL 'right division' today, let us notice GOD's division

between the wicked and the righteous:

Prov 14:32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness:

but **the righteous hath hope in his death.**

What is the hope of the righteous? What hope do they have in death?

The hope of the righteous in their death is eternal life.

Think of how many times people quote that we are saved by **GRACE**

yet God's word also teaches us that we are saved by His **MERCY:**

Titus 3:4-8 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but **according to his mercy he saved us,** by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That **being justified by his grace,**

we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

These things are TRUE, and we should talk about them all the time:

8 This is a faithful saying, and **these things I will that thou affirm constantly,** that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

The hope of the righteous is stored in heaven awaiting the coming of Christ (also 1 Thess 2:19), at the resurrection unto eternal life:

Col 1:5-6 For **the hope which is laid up for you in heaven**, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;
6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew **the grace of God in truth**:

God wants us to understand and know our hope. It is the inheritance that we share among ALL God's saints (also Acts 20:32, 26:18) which are sanctified by faith in Christ. It is by promise (Gal 3:18), and not of the law:

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 hypocrite has no hope. In death, he will lose his own soul:

Job 27:8 For **what is the hope of the hypocrite, though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?**

No matter how much (or how little) a man possesses when he dies, he loses it ALL. What matters then -- is whether or not he has everlasting life:

Mark 8:36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and **lose his own soul?**

In the **future 'ages to come'** the promises made to Abraham extend to his seed which is Christ and those that are Christ's:

Gal 3:16 Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ.

Gal 3:29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Though Jesus came to Israel His ministry expanded to the Gentiles:

Rom 15:8-9 Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:

9 **And that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy;**
as it is written, (according to prophecy) For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name.

Paul is not to be divided from other apostles! Saints were scolded for that:

1 Cor 1:11-13 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that **there are contentions among you.**

12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, **I am of Paul;**
 and **I of Apollos;** and **I of Cephas;** (*Peter*) and **I of Christ.**

13 **Is Christ divided?** was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

It was fleshly and **wrong division** for believers to argue and separate over

WHICH man was their minister -- yet that is exactly what 'mid-Acts-ers' do:

1 Cor 3:3-9 For ye are yet **carnal:** for whereas there is among you **envy-ing, 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 have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

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

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

9 For **we are labourers together** with God:
 ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

God's Spirit confirms to us that we are God's children. We will inherit everlasting life in a glorified body like unto His (Phil 3:21, 1 John 3:2):

Rom 8:16-17 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit,
 that **we are the children of God:**

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.

Caiaphas, the high priest, explained that Jesus died for ALL God's children everywhere regardless of their nationality. No matter where God's children were located God will gather them **together** - NOT divide them:

John 11:49 And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,

50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that **the whole nation** perish not.

51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year,

he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; (Israel)

52 **And not for that nation only, (not just Israel but Gentiles also) but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.**

What makes us children of God? Faith in Christ. Jews and Gentiles had it:

Gal 3:26 For **ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.**

God made a clear division between His covenant dealings with man

under the OLD testament which was known by 'the law of Moses'

from the NEW testament (or covenant) known by the 'grace of Christ':

John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses,
but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

When the NEW, or 2nd, covenant came in Christ's blood

then the OLD, or 1st, covenant with animals' blood was taken away:

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 10:9-10 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God.

He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

10 By the which will **we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

Christ abolished the OLD testament and brought in liberty in the NEW one. Because of Christ's sacrifice, there is no need for any more sacrifices:

2 Cor 3:12-17 Seeing then that we have such **hope**, we use great plainness of speech:

13 And not as **Moses**, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to **the end of that which is abolished:**

14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail **untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.**

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

16 Nevertheless **when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.**

17 Now the Lord is that Spirit:

and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

REAL right division is NOT between Paul and the rest of the Bible.

Real ministers of God ought NOT be DIVIDED in the gospel of Christ.

REAL right division is NOT between Paul's converts and Israel.

Real children of God ought NOT be DIVIDED from other believers.

REAL right division is NOT between Paul's gospel and Israel's covenants.

Paul said **God "made US able ministers of the new testament"** (2 Cor

3:6) yet people who identify themselves as 'Right Dividers' **separate**

themselves from the new covenant, and think it was **only** for Israel.

We have read the verses where REAL right division IS, so don't allow self-called 'Right Dividers' to deceive you! They divide where God didn't and they do NOT divide where God did! Don't be manipulated by them!

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