

Test Yourself Do You Believe PAUL, Your Apostle ?

The Question Really Is Do You 'REALLY' Believe GOD ?

In this study, we will ask some questions about what PAUL taught. 'Mid-Acts' doctrines are oppose these issues even though they claim to be followers of the apostle PAUL. These scriptures will settle the matters.

1. Do you believe that PAUL taught we should REPENT?

Luke gave a 'but now' statement that PAUL (Acts 17:22) made when he stood in the midst of Mars' hill and preached repentance for all men:

Acts 17:30 And the times of this ignorance **God** winked at;
but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Luke wrote that PAUL (Acts 26:1) testified of his commission from Jesus that the Gentiles should **repent and do works 'fitting' (worthy) for repentance:**

Acts 26:19-20 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:
20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to **the Gentiles,**
that they should repent and turn to God,
and do works meet for repentance.

Luke recorded that PAUL (Acts 20:16) told the elders from Ephesus that he preached repentance to both the Jews and the Gentiles:

Acts 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks (**Gentiles**),
repentance toward God,
and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

PAUL directly addressed "O man, whosoever thou art that judgest"

(Rom 2:1,3) about **the need for repentance:**

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness
and forbearance
and longsuffering;
not knowing that **the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?**

PAUL told the Corinthians that **godly sorrow worked repentance to salvation.** Thus, in reality, you cannot have salvation without repentance:

2 Cor 7:9-10 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry,
but that **ye sorrowed to repentance:**
for ye were made sorry after **a godly manner,**
that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.
10 For **godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation**
not to be repented of:
but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

2. Do you believe that PAUL taught we are in the NEW TESTAMENT?

PAUL quoted Jesus' words to His disciples and applied them to the Gentiles.
It is the same Saviour. It is the same blood. It is the same new testament.

1 Cor 11:25 After the same manner also he took the cup,
when he had supped,
saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood:**
this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, **in remembrance of me.**

PAUL said we are equipped with adequate power to be sufficient 'servants'
or fit 'deacons' of the new testament:

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.

3. Do you believe that PAUL taught

we should KEEP GOD'S COMMANDMENTS?

Just like Peter said (Acts 15:9) before Paul said, now there is 'no difference' between the Jews and the Gentiles. The important thing is to obey God:

1 Cor 7:19 Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but **the keeping of the commandments of God.**

'Mid-Acts-ers' teach that 'only the commandments that PAUL wrote' are for their obedience today. However, the very scriptures that Paul wrote PROVE 'Mid-Acts-ers' do NOT really follow Paul:

1 Cor 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are **the commandments of the Lord.**

Paul quoted the 5th commandment of the 10 (Exo 20:12, Deut 5:16, Luke 18:20), and applied it to the saints and faithful in Christ Jesus (Eph 1:1):

Eph 6:2-3 Honour thy father and mother;
(which is the first commandment with promise;)

3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

PAUL taught that Jews are not those 'outward', in the flesh, who had 'physical' circumcision but rather, God's people are believers that have 'inward' faith and 'spiritual' circumcision of the heart (Rom 2:28-29), who obey His doctrine (Rom 6:17) and do His will from the heart (Eph 6:6):

Rom 2:26 Therefore if **the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law,**
shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? **Yes, it does!**

A Jew is not one outwardly in the flesh, but inwardly in the Spirit! vs. 28-29

4. Do you believe that PAUL taught

we are in the KINGDOM OF GOD?

In Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch (Acts 14:20-21),

PAUL taught that the disciples entered the kingdom of God

'Mid-Acts-ers' think 'disciples' and 'the kingdom of God' are only for Israel:

Acts 14:22 Confirming the souls of the disciples,
and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that
we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

In Ephesus (Acts 19:1), PAUL taught the kingdom of God:

Acts 19:8 And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the
space of three months, **disputing and persuading the things concern-**
ing the kingdom of God.

Acts 20:25 And now, behold, I know that **ye all, among whom I have**
gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

When PAUL was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem to the Romans

(Acts 28:17) he taught the kingdom of God:

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.

- John the Baptist (Matt 3:1-2, comparing Matt 4:12-19 / Mark 1:14-17),
- Jesus (Mark 1:14),
- and His disciples/apostles (Luke 9:1-2),
- and others (Luke 9:60) ALL preached the kingdom of God
- and Paul also preached it:

Acts 28:30-31 And **Paul** dwelt two whole years in his own hired house,
and received all that came in unto him,
31 **Preaching the kingdom of God,** and teaching those things which
concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Just as Jesus said, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
.... behold, **the kingdom of God is within you,**" (Luke 17:20-21)

PAUL also taught that the kingdom of God is invisible to physical eyes:

Rom 14:17 For **the kingdom of God** is not meat and drink;
but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

1 Cor 4:20 For **the kingdom of God** is not in word, but in power.

Just as Jesus said the blessed of His Father would "inherit the kingdom" (Matt 25:34) so also PAUL wrote to the saints at Corinth about who will 'not' inherit the kingdom of God::

1 Cor 6:9-10 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not **inherit the kingdom of God?** Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,
10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Cor 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot **inherit the kingdom of God;** neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

Likewise, Paul reminded the churches of Galatia also about who will 'not' inherit the kingdom of God. There are not 2 different inheritances, nor 2 different kingdoms of God. We Gentiles have an inheritance among ALL them which are sanctified by faith that is in Christ (Acts 20:32, 26:18):

Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not **inherit the kingdom of God.**

Like "labourers together" (1 Cor 3:9) and "helpers" (Rom 16:3,9) only

PAUL's Jewish friends were who assisted him in his work for God's kingdom:

Col 4:11 And Jesus, which is called Justus, **who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God**, which have been a comfort unto me.

Just as the other apostles (Acts 5:29) rejoiced that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for Jesus' name (Acts 5:41), PAUL encouraged the church at Thessalonica in all their persecutions and tribulations that they endured because they, too, suffered for the kingdom of God:

2 Thess 1:5 Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of **the kingdom of God**, for which ye also suffer:

5. Do you believe that PAUL taught

we are the FLOCK of God His SHEEP?

PAUL called the church of God at Ephesus (Acts 20:17-18) 'the flock':

Acts 20:27-29 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and **to all the flock**, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you **overseers** (Greek <episkopos> also translated 'bishops'), to feed **the church of God**, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing **the flock**.

PAUL used the example of feeding a flock with the saints at Corinth (1 Cor 1:2) just as Jesus instructed Simon Peter to do (John 21:16-17) and just as Peter instructed the scattered strangers to do (1 Pet 1:1, 5:2-3):

1 Cor 9:7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges?
 who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof?
 or who feedeth **a flock**, and eateth not of the milk of **the flock**?

PAUL referenced an OLD testament prophecy from Psa 44:22, and applied it to the saints at Rome (Rom 1:1) indicating 'WE' are as sheep:

Rom 8:36 **As it is written**, For thy sake we are killed all the day long;
we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

6. Do you believe that PAUL taught

that we are the children of promise?

God's promises were made to Abraham, and to Christ as Abraham's seed:

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.**

We become God's children by faith in God's Son:

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

When we are God's children then we are also His heirs fellow-heirs with God's Son Jesus Christ to Whom the promises were made:

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.

The **physical descendants 'of the flesh'** are not counted by God as Abraham's children. The children of God are the children to whom the promises belong, the children of faith; as now we all are, who are of faith:

Rom 9:6-8 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect.

For **they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:**

7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

8 That is, **They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.**

In time past (Eph 2:11), we were strangers from the covenants of promise but now (Eph 2:12), we are made nigh by the blood of Christ:

Gal 4:28 Now **we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.**

All God's promises are 'in Christ'

and to us, as God's children, His promises are all "Yes, So be it!"

2 Cor 1:19-20 For **the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached (Mark 1:1) among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.**

20 For **all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen,** unto the glory of God by us.

7. Do you believe that PAUL taught

we are the SEED of Abraham?

PAUL wrote, that if we are Christ's then we are Abraham's seed:

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

Are you Christ's?

8. Do you believe that PAUL taught

we are the CHILDREN of Abraham?

PAUL wrote, that if we are of faith then we are Abraham's children:

Gal 3:7-9 Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.**

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

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

Are you of faith?

9. Do you believe that PAUL taught

Abraham is OUR father?

PAUL said Abraham was the father of ALL them that believe:

Rom 4:11 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:

Do you believe? Then Abraham is your father. This promise is fulfilled

and it was recorded all the way back in Gen 17:4-5, as PAUL applied it now:

Rom 4:16-18 Therefore it is of 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,)** before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become **the father of many nations,** according to that which was spoken, **So shall thy seed be.**

10. Do you believe that PAUL taught

Jesus Christ will DENY us if we deny Him?

Jesus Himself taught that in Matt 10:33 and Luke 12:8-9

Jesus taught Paul

so PAUL taught what Jesus taught

(in other words -- they matched they did not contrast, nor conflict),

and PAUL taught what Jesus taught him to teach:

2 Tim 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him:
if we deny him, he also will deny us:

11. Do you believe that PAUL taught

the 'same' Jesus Christ as in His earthly ministry?

'Mid-Acts-ers' use 2 Cor 11:4 to claim that Jesus Who walked on earth was 'another Jesus' but PAUL definitely stated there is only one:

1 Cor 8:6 But to us **there is** but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and **one Lord Jesus Christ,** by whom are all things, and we by him.

Although we did not take the time to show them, there are many other verses 'outside of PAUL' on each of these points that say the same things.

In conclusion, we have presented 11 issues that specifically state exactly what PAUL taught. Each one of them PROVES that 'Mid-Acts' doctrine is wrong, as they DIVIDE themselves away from these truths.

Did you pass the test? **Do you agree with PAUL, and really, with GOD?**