

## We Were On His Mind

In this study we will look at a false 'mid-Acts-hyper-dispensational' doctrine that mis-represents Gentile salvation .... by labeling it a 'mystery' given only to the apostle Paul. 'Mid-Acts-ers' teach that Paul had

- a unique body of truth
- a special revelation
- a distinct ministry
- a different gospel, which he called 'my gospel'
- totally NEW information .... never before known.

A favorite contrast of 'mid-Acts-ers' is between Jesus Christ being a minister to Israel .... and Paul being the minister to the Gentiles.

### They themselves are deceived .... and they are deceiving others:

They make a **DIVISION** by using the verses out of context:

**Rom 15:8** 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:

**Rom 15:16** That

**I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles,**

ministering the gospel of God,  
that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable,  
being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

**Point # 1:** When Rom 15:8 is left in its context .... we see that the next 4 verses describe the promises God made to the 'fathers' .... recorded many times throughout the writings of the prophets. They teach about bringing the Gentiles to faith. But 'mid-Acts-ers' don't want to show that.

Let's read Rom 15:8 again, but this time, with the next 4 verses ....

to understand clearly, that God had Gentile salvation in mind all the time:

**Rom 15:8-12** 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, For this cause **I will confess to thee among the Gentiles,** and sing unto thy name. (reference 2 Sam 22:50, Psa 18:49)

10 And again he saith, **Rejoice, ye Gentiles,** with his people. (reference Deut 32:43; Psa 66:1-4; 67:3,4; 68:32; 97:1; 98:3,4; 138:4,5; Isa 24:14-16; 42:10-12)

11 And again, Praise the Lord, **all ye Gentiles;**  
 and laud him, **all ye people.** (reference Psa 117:1)

12 And again, Esaias saith,

There shall be a root of Jesse (reference Isa 11:1,10; Rev 5:5; 22:16),

and he that shall rise to reign over **the Gentiles** (reference Gen 49:10; Psa 2:4-12; 22:27,28; 72:8-10,17; Isa 42:1-4; 49:6, Dan 2:44; 7:14; Mic 4:1-3; 5:4);

**in him shall the Gentiles trust** (reference Jer 16:19; 17:5-7; Matt 12:21; 1 Cor 15:19; Eph 1:12,13; 2 Tim 1:12, 1 Peter 1:21).

**'Mid-Acts-ers' make a DIVISION .... by saying that THIS Gentile salvation (in the 4 verses, plus their references) was 'PROPHESED' Gentile salvation .... but the Gentile salvation PAUL preached .... THAT was 'MYSTERY' Gentile salvation.**

Now when I look back on the time I used to believe that ignorance .... I wonder how in the world I was so blind. I followed a man whose study and knowledge I trusted. I accepted his paradigm and chart without question.

Thank God, I started paying attention to what the VERSES actually SAID!  
 They weren't saying what I (he, we) said they said. Finally, the scriptures broke through .... and when they did .... I realized I (he, we) were wrong!  
 So I had to change. I cannot make anyone else change. But I am doing what I can .... which is constantly **pointing out VERSES** of WHY all people that identify themselves as 'mid-Acts dispensationalists' should change.

**Point # 2:** Even WHILE they have Rom 15:16 lifted out of context .... they ignore the gospel Paul said he ministered. He called it 'the gospel of God':

**Rom 15:16** That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles,  
ministering the gospel of God,  
 that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable,  
 being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

'Mid-Acts-ers' don't like to mention that Paul preached 'the gospel of God' .... because '**the gospel of God**' that Paul was separated unto ....

**was written in the prophets!**

Now that sure throws a monkey wrench into their engine!

**Rom 1:1-6** Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle,  
separated unto the gospel of God,  
 2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets  
in the holy scriptures,)  
 3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 which was made of the seed of David **according to the flesh;**  
 4 And declared to be the Son of God with power,  
 according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:  
 5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship,  
**for obedience to the faith among all nations,** for his name:  
 6 **Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:**

'Mid-Acts-ers' don't like that PAUL wrote of 'the gospel of God' **6 times**

**.... because PETER also wrote about 'the gospel of God' (once) ....**

and they maintain that Paul and Peter preached 2 different gospels.

**Point # 3:** When you leave Rom 15:16 in its context .... you see that

'the gospel of God' in vs. 16 .... is equal to 'the gospel of Christ' in vs. 19.

'Mid-Acts-ers' teach that they are separate gospels, with different contents:

**Rom 15:15-19** Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,

16 That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering **the gospel of God**, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

17 I have therefore whereof I may glory through Jesus Christ in those things which pertain to God.

18 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.**

**Point # 4:** When you leave Rom 15:16 in its context .... you also see that

although Paul was the minister to the Gentiles, and he preached to people

who didn't know Christ's name, **he did so ACCORDING TO 'PROPHECY'!**

That gets them real good .... because they squeal 'mystery' over and over:

**Rom 15:20-21** Yea, so have **I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named**, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

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

Actually, Paul referred to the OLD testament PROPHECIES quite a lot.

32 times, Paul wrote, "it is written".

1 time, Paul wrote, "that is written".

4 times, Paul wrote, "the scripture saith".

1 time, Paul wrote, "in the holy scriptures".

3 times, Paul wrote, "what saith the scripture".

9 times, Paul wrote, "he saith".

3 times, Paul wrote, "what saith it".

2 times, Paul wrote, "Esaias saith".

1 time, Paul wrote, "Moses saith".

1 time, Paul wrote, "David saith".

5 times, Paul wrote, "saith the Lord".

2 times, Paul wrote, "saith he".

1 time, Paul wrote, "saith the law".

**Point # 5:** Paul plainly showed how the scripture preached the gospel to Abraham .... prophesying of Gentile salvation during the dispensation of grace .... because Paul said Gentiles saved by faith are children 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 faith,**  
**the same are the children of Abraham.** (I am a child 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. (I am blessed WITH Abraham --- not a SEPARATE inheritance.)

Paul, by inspiration of God, made **NO DIVISION** (even though 'mid-Acts-ers' make one) between Gentile salvation that was **PROPHESIED** to Abraham .... and Gentile salvation **under HIS ministry** (that 'mid-Acts-ers' say is 'different' and that it is **MYSTERY**).

**Gal 3:13-14** Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

14 **That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

Paul connected Abraham to Christ .... and inheritance to promise.

He also connected **us Gentiles** to Abraham, to Christ, to inheritance, to Isaac, and to promise:

**Gal 3:16-18** 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.**

17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

18 For if **the inheritance** be of the law, it is no more of promise: but **God gave it to Abraham by promise.**

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

**Gal 3:28-29** **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.**

'Mid-Acts-ers' make **DIVISIONS** that the scriptures do **NOT** make.

For so long, I was so trained to hunt for contrasts, conflicts, differences ....  
that I never looked at the similarities in Paul's writings.

I was taught that Romans chapters 9, 10, and 11, were all about Israel, and had nothing to do with me. But according to Gal 4:28, instead of 'mid-Acts-ers' .... WE ARE the children of promise:

**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.**

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

EVEN if you only consider the writings of the apostle Paul ....  
whom 'mid-Acts-ers' CLAIM to follow (but obviously **don't** follow) ....  
there is so much evidence, so many verses to prove their doctrines of  
**DIVISION** WRONG.

I'm happy to no longer be deceived by their **DIVISIVE** theology.  
God planned to bring us Gentiles in through the NEW testament in Christ's blood, and He prophesied it throughout the OLD testament.  
He had us in His mind all along, as He told Abraham, way back when.

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