



**Rom 11:25** For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant  
of this **<touto> mystery <musterion>**,  
lest ye should be wise in your own conceits;  
**that blindness in part is happened to Israel,**  
**until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.**

(Notice what's next! Is God through Paul **mixing** prophecy with mystery?)

He is certainly referring to Israel's blindness in 'times past' ....

still going on during the 'but now' dispensation of grace, and then

Israel's future 'ages to come' salvation when Jesus returns from heaven.

It's all nestled right here together in Romans chapter 11.)

26 And so **all Israel shall be saved:**

**as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer,**  
**and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:**

27 For this is my covenant unto them,  
when I shall take away their sins. (References: Isa 45:17,25; 59:20-21)

What is **THIS mystery?** The context right here in Romans 11 plainly  
tell us .... but we can also look at other verses .... for even more support.

The 1<sup>st</sup> 3 times the word <musterion> is used .... is in 3 of the gospels.

We'll compare **Matt 13:11** with **Luke 8:10** and **Mark 4:11**. Hold them all.

### Point # 1

These 3 verses are the same event .... the same words Jesus spoke.

### Point # 2

The kingdom of heaven .... is the same .... as the kingdom of God.

### Point # 3

Mysteries (plural) and mystery (singular) are the same Greek word.

## Point # 4

Knowledge of the mystery was given to believers.

## Point # 5

The mystery was kept secret from unbelievers.

## Point # 6

The mystery was like Rom 11:25, unbelieving Israel was blinded.

Watch for these 6 points .... as we read the verses:

**Matt 13:10-11** And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them (great multitudes from Matt 13:2) in parables?

10 He answered and said unto them,

Because **it is given unto you to know the mysteries <musterion> of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.**

**Luke 8:10** And he said, **Unto you it is given to know the mysteries <musterion> of the kingdom of God:**

**but to others in parables;**

that **seeing** they might **not see,**  
and **hearing** they might **not understand.**

**Mark 4:11** And he said unto them, **Unto you it is given to know the mystery <musterion> of the kingdom of God:**

**but unto them that are without <exo> ,**

all these things are done in **parables:**

Clearly, the phrase 'them that are **without**' were **unbelievers** that were **without the kingdom of God.** Paul wrote about them, too:

**Col 4:5** Walk in wisdom toward **them that are without <exo> ,** redeeming the time.

**1 Thess 4:12** That ye may walk honestly toward **them that are without <exo> ,** and that ye may have lack of nothing.

Jesus spoke in parables, like earthly stories with heavenly meanings,  
 .... to the whole multitude (Matt 13:2), so they could **not** understand  
 (Matt 13:13,14; Mark 4:12). The difference was between believers and  
 unbelievers. Jesus reasoned with Nicodemus:

**John 3:3, 12** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot **see the kingdom of God.**  
 12 If I have told you **earthly things, and ye believe not,**  
**how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?**

In the near context of **Matt 13:11**, we can see that in action:

**Matt 13:34-43** All these things spake Jesus unto **the multitude**  
**in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:**  
 35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,  
**I will open my mouth in parables;**  
**I will utter things which have been kept secret**  
**from the foundation of the world.**  
 36 Then Jesus **sent the multitude away**, and went into the house:  
**and his disciples came unto him**, saying,  
**Declare unto us the parable** of the tares of the field.  
 37 **He answered and said unto them,**  
 He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;  
 38 The field is the world;  
 the good seed are **the children of the kingdom;**  
 but the tares are the children of the wicked one;  
 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil;  
 the harvest is the end of the world;  
 and the reapers are the angels.  
 40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire;  
 so shall it be in the end of this world.  
 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels,  
 and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend,  
 and them which do iniquity;  
 42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire:  
 there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.  
 43 **Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun**  
**in the kingdom of their Father.**  
 Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Again, believers were able to see .... but unbelieving Israel was blinded:

**Luke 10:23-24** And he turned him unto his disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see:

In **Job 15:8 and 29:4**, Job spoke of the secret of God.

God's secret was revealed to His saints ....  
but it was hidden from those outside the faith:

**Amos 3:7** Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing,  
but he revealeth his secret unto **his servants the prophets**.

**Psa 25:14** The secret of the LORD is with them that fear him;  
and he will shew them his covenant.

**Prov 3:32** For the froward is abomination to the LORD:  
but his secret is with **the righteous**.

This is the principal Paul taught .... that believers understand:

**1 Cor 2:7-14** But **we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery <musterion>**, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world (**Eph 1:4, 2 Tim 1:9, Tit 1:2**) unto our glory: (**1 Thes 2:12, 2 Thes 2:14, 1 Pet 5:10, 2 Pet 1:3**)

8 Which none of the princes of this world knew:

for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.  
(**Could God through Paul, be mixing prophecy and mystery again?**):

9 **But as it is written**, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard,  
neither have entered into the heart of man,

the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

10 **But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit:**

for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, (**the natural man**)  
save the spirit of man which is in him?

even so the things of God knoweth no man, but **the Spirit of God**.

12 **Now we have received**, not the spirit of the world,  
but the spirit which is **of God**;

that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

13 **Which things also we speak**, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth;  
comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Unless a man has faith ....

he cannot see the mystery of God .... God's hidden wisdom:

(1 Cor 2:)14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

God's mystery wisdom that was hidden .... is made known to the believers.

Now, through Paul's ministry .... it has been extended to the Gentiles that

Christ will live in them .... and raise them up in glory also, not just Israel.

This next passage equates

- the mystery that was hid,
- with • this mystery among the Gentiles
- with • the mystery of God
- with • the mystery of the Father
- and with • the mystery of Christ.

Col 1:25-27 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;

26 Even the mystery <musterion> 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 <musterion> among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, (Gentiles) the hope of glory:

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom;

that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Col 2:1-3 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea (Why would Paul be relating to an end-time Laodicean church, Rev 3:14), and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding,

to the acknowledgement of the mystery <musterion> of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; (all the same)

3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

In a familiar passage, we will again see the content of the mystery of Christ

.... which was just described to be the same as the mystery of God:

- Eph 3:1-9** For this cause I Paul,  
the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,  
2 If ye have heard of **the dispensation of the grace of God**  
which is given me to you-ward:  
3 How that **by revelation he made known unto me**  
**the mystery <musterion>**;  
(as I wrote afore in few words,  
4 Whereby, when ye read,  
ye may understand **my knowledge in**  
**the mystery <musterion> of Christ**)  
5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men,  
**as it is now revealed**  
**unto his holy apostles (plural, not just Paul)**  
**and prophets (plural)**  
**by the Spirit; (not by Paul)**

*Hold your place here in Eph 3 .... we'll be right back.*

Remember 'them that are **without**' being **unbelieving** Israel?

Well, **unbelieving** Gentiles were '**without**' **Christ and God** also:

**Eph 2:12** That at that time 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:

(Go back to Eph 3:6. Here it is again, **the mystery** .... in a nutshell):

- 6 That the **Gentiles should be fellowheirs**, (Now Gentiles **share** in Israel's inheritance)

and of **the same body**, (**believing** Gentiles are now **merged into believing** Israel and made **one with** them: 1 Cor 3:6,8; 10:17; Gal 3:29)

and **partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel**: (In time past (Eph 2:12) Gentiles were **strangers from the covenants of promise**.... now, we partake with them)

7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of **the grace of God** given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this **grace** given, that I should preach among the **Gentiles** the unsearchable riches of Christ;

9 And **to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery <musterion>**, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

The way I see it, the mystery is that .... through the **New Testament** (2 Cor 3:6, Heb 9:15) in Jesus' blood (Luke 22:20, 1 Cor 11:25), which **unbelieving Israel** did not accept (John 1:11), God **blinded** them, and **called out a people for His name from among the Gentiles**, which, when the mystery of God is finished (Rev 10:7), He will return to redeem Israel and then the Gentiles will come, even more, to their (Israel's) rising (Isa 60:1-3). James told about Simeon's prophecy concerning this flow of events:

**Acts 15:14-18 Simeon** hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. *(where we are now)*

15 And **to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,**  
16 **After this I will return,** *(Jesus would have had to have already been 'here' .... to say He would return. Christ will come back AFTER God calls out a people for His name from the Gentiles.)*

**and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: *(how it will be in the ages to come, when Israel is restored)***

17 **That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called,**  
saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

18 **Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.**

*(God had the mystery hidden in Himself from the beginning of the world.)*

Let's go back and read **Simeon's** prophecy when he saw the Christ child:

**Luke 2:25-35** And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was **Simeon**; and the same man was just and devout, **waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him.**

26 And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that **he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.**

27 And he came **by the Spirit** into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law,

(Luke 2:) 28 Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,  
29 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy  
word:

30 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
32 A light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which were spoken of him.

34 And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother,  
Behold, this child is set for **the fall and rising again**  
of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;  
35 (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also, **(that is about Mary, Jesus' mother)**) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

The apostle Paul also wrote of **the fall and rising again** of Israel ....

and **he detailed the effect of each of them** ..... upon the Gentiles:

**Rom 11:7-15** What then? **Israel hath not obtained** that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and **the rest were blinded**  
8 (According as it is written, God hath given them **(Israel)** the spirit of slumber, eyes **that they (Israel) should not see**, and ears that they **(Israel)** should not hear;) unto this day.

9 And David saith, Let their **(Israel's)** table be made **a snare**, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them:

10 Let their eyes be darkened, **that they (Israel) may not see**, and bow down their back alway.

11 I say then, Have they **(Israel)** stumbled that **they should fall?**

God forbid: but rather **through their fall (Israel's) salvation is come unto the Gentiles,**

for to **provoke (the Greek word <parazelo>** them **to jealousy <parazelo>**. (that's where we are now)

12 Now if **the fall of them (Israel)**

be **the riches of the world,**

and **the diminishing of them (Israel) the riches of the Gentiles;** (where we are now)

how much more **their (Israel's) fulness?**

**(when Christ returns and rescues Israel)**

**Paul is our apostle, so naturally, he should explain these things to us:**

13 For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as **I am the apostle of the Gentiles**, I magnify mine office:

(Rom 11:)14 If by any means

**I may provoke to emulation** (this whole phrase is <parazeloo> the same Greek word used twice in vs.11, for 'provoke' and 'to jealousy') them which are my flesh (Israel), and might save some of them (Israel).

15 For if **the casting away of them** (Israel)

be **the reconciling of the world**, (where we are now)

what shall **the receiving of them** be, but **life from the dead?** (the resurrection .... when Christ returns and raises the dead to eternal life and glory, and delivers Israel their kingdom that was promised)

After the apostles witnessed Jesus' death and resurrection .... when He was ready to leave them ... they questioned Him about **when He would return:**

**Acts 1:6-8** When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, **wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?**

7 And he said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons**, which the Father hath put in his **own power**.

8 But **ye** shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and **ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and **unto the uttermost part of the earth.** (everywhere)

They **did not** know, nor did Jesus tell them, **when He would return ....**

but they **did** know **many signs to watch for .... just before His coming:**

**Luke 21:29-36** And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;

30 When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

31 So likewise ye, **when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.**

32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled. (From the beginning of sorrows .... till the end .... will be 7 years.)

33 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with **surfeiting, and drunkenness**, and cares of this life, and so **that day** (What day? the day He comes!) come upon you **unawares.**

35 For as a **snare** shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. (When He comes, **every eye** will see Him - Rev 1:7)

36 **Watch** ye therefore, and **pray** always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and **to stand before the Son of man.**

Just as Jesus had not given **the times or the seasons**, **neither did Paul ....** because we know the **signs to watch for:**

1 **Thess 5:1-2, 6** But of **the times and the seasons**, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 **For yourselves know perfectly** that **the day <hemera> of the Lord** so cometh as a thief in the night. (This context, coming from 1 Thess chapter 4, is all about the same time. See Matt 24:43, 2 Pet 3:10, Rev 3:3)

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that **that day** (What day? **the day He comes!**) **should overtake you as a thief.** (as **unawares**)

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

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

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and **they that be drunken are drunken in the night.**

Peter also links those things with the end .... when the Lord returns:

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

In between verses about that great day of God Almighty (Rev 16:14) and Armageddon (Rev 16:16) .... we read:

**Rev 16:15** Behold, **I come as a thief.** Blessed is he that **watcheth**, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

God said to **WATCH** in relation to the end .... when Christ will come:

2 **Tim 4:1,5** I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick (**the alive**) and the dead **at his appearing and his kingdom;**

5 But **watch** thou in all things, **endure afflictions**, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Paul was imprisoned for preaching these things about **the mystery**:

**Col 4:2-4** Continue in **prayer**, and **watch** in the same with thanksgiving;

3 Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak **the mystery <musterion> of Christ**,

for which I am also in bonds:

4 That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.

**The mystery .... or mysteries .... of God .... and of Christ (Col 2:2)**

**will be finished .... in the days of the voice of the 7th angel:**

**Rev 10:5-7** And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that **there should be time no longer**: (time will be up .... no more delay .... no more longsuffering .... the ball will be rolling .... and it will roll on .... till it hits the bottom)

7 But in **the days <hemera>** ('the days' shown 'plural' here .... but it is the same Greek word that is used and translated in the 'singular' .... for  
 'the day' of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
 'the day' of Christ,  
 'the day' of the Lord Jesus,  
 'the day' of the Lord,  
 'the day' of God.

Thus it will be .... **the time of the end** .... at the conclusion ....  
 when many things will culminate:)

**of the voice <phone>** of the seventh angel,  
 when he shall begin to sound **<salpizo> (the sound of a trumpet)**,  
**the mystery <musterion> of God should be finished**,  
**as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.**

The 7th angel will sound the last trump (Rev 11:15,18):

**1 Cor 15:51-54** Behold, I shew you **a mystery <musterion>**;  
 (Show us, Paul, what mystery is it? Here it is:)

**We shall not all sleep**, (We believers will **not all be dead at the resurrection of the dead .... some believers will still be alive.**)

*Hold your place here in 1 Cor 15:51 .... we'll be right back.*

Because of such great distress, it looked like saints would all be killed:

**Matt 24:21-22** For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

**22** And except those **days <hemera>** should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those **days <hemera>** shall be shortened.

(Go back to 1 Cor 15:51:)

**1 Cor 15:51** Behold, I shew you **a mystery <musterion>**;  
We shall not all sleep, (be dead)

(All believers will get **a glorified body** .... whether dead or alive ....  
when the Lord comes:)

but we shall all be changed,

(How fast will the change .... getting **a glorified body** .... take place?)

**52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,

(When will the change take place?)

**at the last trump <salpigx>**: for **the trumpet shall sound <salpizo>**,

(When will the last trump sound? The only series of trumpets yet to come, are found in the Bible are in the Revelation, when the 7th angel sounds the last trump)

and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

**53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption,  
and this mortal must put on immortality.

**54** So **when** this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. (Paul is **mixing** prophecy and **mystery again** with the resurrection! Also see Isa 25:8, Hos 13:14, 1 Cor 15:24-26, Rev 20:14. When will that happen .... death be put away?)

At the end, when Christ comes, and brings resurrection for the dead, will be

**Rev 11:15** And **the seventh angel sounded <salpizo>**; and there were great **voices <phone>** in heaven, saying, **The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**

We'll get information on the verb 'is come' .... the Greek word <erchomai>.

It is a form of the verb 'come' .... and is also translated (to name a few):

- is come
- shall come
- will come
- cometh ....

So in the next verse that we will read ....

it does not mean that God's wrath 'is **already** come' ....

but that it is 'the day' .... the time .... for it to come. Ripe and ready:

**Rev 11:18** And the nations were angry,  
and thy wrath **is come** <erchomai> ,  
and **the time of the dead**, that they should be **judged**,  
and that thou shouldest **give reward** unto thy servants the prophets,  
and to the saints,  
and them that fear thy name, small and great;  
and shouldest **destroy** them which destroy the earth.

In the day of the 7th angel, it will be the day when lots of things transpire

.... after the end of Daniel's 70th week .... just to name a few:

**Dan 9:24** Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people (Israel)  
and upon thy holy city (that's Jerusalem),

- to finish the transgression,
- and to make an end of sins,
- and to make reconciliation for iniquity,
- and to bring in everlasting righteousness,
- and to seal up the vision and prophecy,
- and to anoint the most Holy.

After the end of Daniel's 70th week in **GOD'S** day just to name a few more:

- Jesus will descend from heaven
- the resurrection of the dead into glorified bodies
- the nations will be angry
- the wrath of God will be poured out on unbelievers
- the mystery of God will be finished
- the judgment of rewards and punishments
- the Lord will establish His kingdom in the earth

We will read **Rom 16:25-26** next. We 'grace preachers' made a big issue out of Paul saying, "my gospel" as if it was a totally different gospel .... from the gospel anyone else ever preached.

Well, I don't think so anymore .... because Paul preached Jesus Christ

that he had persecuted in times past (Acts 9:5)

that was the Son of God (Acts 9:20)

that was very Christ (Acts 9:22)

that suffered and rose from the dead (Acts 17:3)

that died for our sins, was buried, and rose again the 3rd day (1 Cor 15:3-4) .... and THAT was "according to the scriptures"!

Now let's get some information on a word: stablish .... because grace leaders say 'stablish' and 'establish' are 2 different things, and make a false distinction between them.

It is the Greek word <sterizo> .... used 13 times .... and translated:

stablish - 6 times

establish - 3 times

strengthen - 2 times

stedfastly set - 1 time

fix - 1 time

Let's see how we believers will be established:

**Rom 16:25-26** Now to him that is of power to stablish <sterizo> you

- according to my gospel,  
and the preaching of Jesus Christ,  
according to the revelation of the mystery <musterion>,  
which was kept secret since the world began,

26 But now is made manifest,

- and by the scriptures of the prophets,  
according to the commandment of the everlasting God,  
made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

The way Paul preached Jesus Christ .... was according to

- Rom 11:25-26
- 1 Cor 2:6-14
- Eph 3:1-12
- Col 1:26-2:3

**#1)** that now Israel is blinded, while the Gentiles have equal status and equal opportunity to be saved .... and ....

#2)

by the scriptures of the prophets. We have been given a **paradise** - that we are only established by **Paul's writings**.

Here is my answer for that:

The Bible shows prophets in **Rom 16:26** is plural, not singular.

Therefore, there would have to be writings of scripture by other prophets, other than Paul .... that establish us.

So, then they say Timothy, Barnabas, Silas, Judas, Epaphroditus, and Agabus were prophets for the body of Christ. But the problem with using them as prophets in **Rom 16:26** is that they **did not write any scripture!**

So we must conclude **exactly what the verse says** .... that we are **established by the scriptures of the prophets** .... and we **cannot single out Paul as being the only one** that establishes us.

God has revealed His plan for how everything will **end up**.

Everyone that is **in heaven** .... and everyone that is **on earth** ....

will be **gathered together in one** .... **in Christ:**

**Eph 1:8-10** Wherein he hath abounded toward us  
in all wisdom and prudence;

9 Having made known unto us **the mystery <mysterion> of his will**,  
according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

10 That in **the dispensation of the fulness of times**  
he might **gather together in one all things in Christ**, (Does  
'all things' mean 'all things' here?)

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:

That will be in **the day of the Lord Jesus Christ ....** when He restores **all things in heaven and earth ....** back under his supreme control:

**Acts 3:18-21** But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted,

that your sins may be blotted out, (**Dan 9:24**)

when **the times of refreshing shall come** from the presence of the Lord;

20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

21 Whom the heaven must receive **until the times of restitution of all things**, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

When Jesus comes back .... it will be the **end. In His day, everything**

**will be subdued unto Jesus Christ, Who will be submitted unto His Father:**

**1 Cor 15:23-28** 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.

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.**

Next we'll read a passage that is **wrongly used** to teach that the saints

--- which they call the church, the body of Christ --- which they see as

entirely distinct, different, and separate from all saints saved before Paul --

-- will replace fallen angels in the government of the heavenly places.

This passage says nothing of the sort:

**Col 1:16-18** For by him were **all things** created,  
that are in heaven, and that are in earth,  
visible (**things in earth**) and invisible (**things in heaven**),  
whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers:

**all things** were created by him, and for him:

17 And he is before **all things**,  
and by him **all things** consist.

18 And **he is the head of the body, the church:**

who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead;

that **in all things he might have the preeminence.**

In the **end**, all things will be in their proper order. God, Christ, the church:

**1 Cor 11:3** But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and **the head of Christ is God.**

**Until the time of the end .... when Jesus comes ....**

**we should be faithful ministers of the mystery of God.**

That phrase 'the mystery of God' is in the KJV as 'mysteries' (plural) here, but in the Greek it is the same word translated in the singular in Col 2:2 and Rev 10:7.

**Israel has fallen, and Gentiles have direct access to God:**

**1 Cor 4:1-5** Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and **stewards of the mysteries <musterion> of God.**

2 Moreover it is required in **stewards**, that a man be found faithful.

3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.

4 For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.

5 Therefore **judge nothing before the time,**  
**until the Lord come,**

who both will **bring to light the hidden things** of darkness,  
and will **make manifest the counsels of the hearts:**

and then shall every man have praise of God.

**1 Pet 4:10** As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as **good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

The **exact same Greek words** are used throughout the 4 gospels, Acts, and Paul's epistles for **'the kingdom' <basileia> 'of God' <theos>**.

While it is true that the kingdom of God will be

- **an earthly, visible, literal kingdom of God ....**

and that, until then, it is

- **a spiritual kingdom of God ....**

'grace preachers' have a **paradine** where they divide

the spiritual kingdom of God into separate entities ....

1 spiritual kingdom of God .... being what Christ spoke of in:

**Luke 17:20-21** And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, **The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:**

21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, **the kingdom of God is within you.**

.... and a **different** spiritual kingdom of God that Paul wrote about:

**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.

**Col 1:13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into **the kingdom of his dear Son:**

Then they speak of **the OVER-ALL kingdom of God ....** whatever that is!

For many years, I have identified myself with others, calling ourselves 'grace preachers'. We claim to be 'right-dividers' but we have been guilty of making wrong divisions and holding on to teaching with a wrong paradine.

They make a similar division about **the last days** .... saying that the last days Paul wrote about are the rapture, which is different than the last days Peter wrote of, being the 2nd coming of Christ.

They make an **extra resurrection** .... BEFORE the 1st one .... saying that Paul taught a mystery, secret resurrection before the 1st one in Rev. 20:5.

They make a division in **grace** .... saying that Paul had a mystery-grace .... but Peter had a prophesied-grace .... and that their grace is different.

They make a division in **the church** .... saying that the church Paul taught was the body of Christ .... and that the churches before and after Paul are different churches.

They separate Israel from the body of Christ ... when God says they're one.

They make a division in **the mystery** .... saying that Paul had unique revelation from the risen, glorified Lord .... and that the mystery of the kingdom is different.

They make a division in **Jesus** .... saying that the earthly Jesus is another Jesus from the risen, glorified Lord Jesus that spoke to Paul from heaven:

They make a division in **the Holy Spirit** .... saying that the Spirit that functioned during the 4 gospels and Acts was another spirit than with Paul.

They make a division in **the gospel** .... saying that Paul preached a different gospel than Peter preached.

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've gone hog-wild dividing! Some even label them 'hyper' and 'ultra.'

I believe in **rightly dividing the word of truth.**

I believe Paul is the apostle of the Gentiles.

I believe we live in the dispensation of grace.

But I do not want to be guilty of making more of something than God does.

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

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