

Hidden Treasure



In the Bible

That which I see not, teach thou me. (Job 34:32)

For hundreds of years Christians have been hearing Israel's gospel.
Has this ever confused you?

What is all this teaching about Israel and their kingdom in the churches?
Are we really part of Israel's kingdom?

Why are there thousands of Christian denominations?
Instead of unity, there seems to be more and more division.

Doesn't it seem like everyone is confused?
Who is the cause of all this confusion?



What does God think is right?

What is God's Eternal Purpose?

How do I fit into God's Plan?

For 2000 years God dealt with Israel directly and they were still deemed blind.

After 2000 years with the written Word of God, could Christians still be blind?

It has long been confessed that there is a visible church and an invisible church.

What if the **invisible church** can be found in the Scriptures?

Even if you have salvation in Christ, this message may open your eyes to things Christian church people, even pastors, and even theologians haven't seen (yet).

There is a hidden treasure in the Bible that will eliminate much confusion; but only the Holy Spirit through the Scriptures can illuminate the truth and eliminate the confusion. The hidden treasure is very good news for you...

the gospel of **your** salvation.

The content of this booklet is only a seed planted. It is your responsibility to check it out. Search the scriptures to see if these things be so. You may be surprised.

When he finished translating the first complete English Bible, Miles Coverdale wrote the following in his Prologue to the Christian reader:

Again, it shall greatly help thee to understand scripture, if thou mark not only what is spoken or written, but of whom, and unto whom, with what words, at what time, where, to what intent, with what circumstance, considering what goeth before, and what followeth after.

In other words, before we read the content of a letter, we should read the address first. If we read someone else's mail, there could an embarrassing outcome if we try to apply it to ourselves. This, of course also applies to Bible study.

When studying a book that covers from eternity to eternity, we must comprehend what changes occur and what differences are presented. It is a book of history and prophecies. It is a book of parables and imagery. It has infinite layers of truth. It contains progressive revelations. Yet it is completely balanced and harmonious. It is the work of no human origin: it is a Living Word that is available to us only through the Holy Spirit of God.

This marvelous Word of God has an enemy who will do everything in his power to nullify or pervert the truth that is contained therein. His first words to the Woman in the Garden of Eden in the Book of Genesis were "Yea, hath God said?" He is called the serpent, Satan in the OT and the Devil in the NT.

The entire Bible is written for us to know...but not all of the Bible is written to us. Most of the Bible does pertain to God's twelve chosen nations of Israel and their kingdom (their past and their future). A small part of the Bible is truth written for believers today (the present): the "whosoever" and the "church which is His body".

If we fail to separate Israel and the church, therein exists the source of confusion.



The Bible is the greatest mystery thriller ever written, as there are several mysteries presented for our discovery.

There is a substantial hidden treasure in the Bible:

- A treasure that clarifies God's plan and exactly how we fit in
- A treasure that glorifies Christ in His rightful position with His church today
- A treasure that reconciles the differences and conflicts concerning doctrines and practices intended for Israel and those for the church
- A treasure that can bring unity in truth and understanding the Bible
- A treasure that brings to light the hope and calling of the church today
- A treasure that is only found in the parts of the Bible written to us!

This treasure which was not made known to the sons of men and was hid from ages and from generations was revealed by the Lord to the Apostle Paul after the end of the Acts period while he was in prison.

Satan also knows about this hidden treasure. After Paul died, in order to keep it hidden, he quickly buried the treasure under a mountain of false doctrine and man's traditions.



That is why it has not been taught in the churches and is now being re-discovered by independent Bible study apart from "traditional" theology.

Then the grievous wolves came in among them not sparing the flock. (Acts 20.29)



Is the Christian hope being taught in the churches today correct doctrine? Is it Biblical truth or man's tradition? Have you ever questioned traditional teaching?

There is a church doctrine based on Peter in Matthew 16:18. This is Satan's great false church whose doctrine is built more on tradition than on truth. This has resulted in a mountain of false church doctrine for 1700 years. Matthew's Gospel is a kingdom gospel with Israel and its promised kingdom in view. There was no Gentile church in the Matthew's Gospel.

During the Acts period the Apostles were looking for Christ to return to earth for the purpose of restoring the kingdom to Israel and reigning as their King – the fulfillment of the kingdom gospel to Israel; again, no Gentile church doctrine there.

Most Protestant doctrine is a mere offshoot of Satan's false doctrine. It took almost 1000 years for the Reformers to begin to dig out from under this mountain of false doctrine. By the sixteenth century the foundation of Protestant doctrine was "re-formed" to Peter in Acts 2 or to Paul in Acts 13, both of which are Judeo-Christian doctrine (Jews and proselytes converted to Christ and His kingdom).

Instead of starting afresh to seek and **RESTORE** the correct church doctrine according to God's Word, Protestants merely "re-formed" Satan's false doctrine which was already contaminated by Satan's lies and man's traditions.

Both Jesus and Paul gave many warnings about man's false doctrines and traditions.

*And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own **tradition**.* (Mark 7:9)

*Making the word of God of none effect through your **tradition**, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye* (Mark 7:13)

*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the **tradition** of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.* (Col 2:8)



How do we find this hidden treasure of correct doctrine? Those who endeavor to solve a mystery or seek a treasure look for clues: comparing scripture with scripture. Proverbs 2 gives us a clue:

*My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for **hid treasures**; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth **wisdom**: out of His mouth cometh **knowledge** and **understanding**.*

The clue is that the hidden treasure is found where wisdom and knowledge and understanding are found. If we seek and search the Scriptures, we will find wisdom and knowledge and understanding. It can be said that where wisdom is, knowledge and understanding are also there.

For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of His mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.

Out of His mouth comes the Word of God. The Bible is the ultimate source of truth.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God (God-breathed, out of His mouth) and is profitable for doctrine...for reproof...for correction...for instruction in righteousness... that the man of God may be perfect... thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3:16)

This verse implies that there is correct doctrine. Doctrine that is not correct needs to be reproved so that the correct doctrine can be revealed. After the doctrine is correct, then and only then can one be given instruction in righteousness so that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

If your doctrine is not correct, your good works may not be approved unto God. Consider the story of Cain and Abel as one example.

The Jews were astonished at Jesus' doctrine because it was not the doctrine that Satan had produced in them. Yes Satan loves to promote false doctrine.

Like you, Paul, the Apostle to the Uncircumcision (Gentiles), had to change (correct or adjust) his doctrine at his conversion from unbeliever to believer in Acts 9.

How do we find the correct doctrine that is true for the present life that we live today: this present age?

Proverbs 2 says to seek and search and then will we find the knowledge of God.

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

First we must acknowledge Him before we are given knowledge. This implies that God only rewards those with wisdom who diligently seek Him in faith. His treasures are very precious and are not just for anyone. It is for those who already believe.

But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory...But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit, for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

(1 Corinthians 2:7, 10)

The definition of “mystery” here is “hidden wisdom”. The Greek word is “*musterion*”. This “sacred secret” or hidden treasure is not available to everyone; only those who are diligently seeking for truth in the Spirit through the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Study (be diligent) to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim 2:15)

This is the key that unlocks the treasure of correct doctrine.

*Trust in the LORD with all thine heart and **lean not unto thine own understanding**. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct (rightly divide) thy paths.*

(Pro 3:5-6)

Again, acknowledge Him and He will rightly divide your path to His knowledge and His understanding.

Why are we instructed to rightly divide the word of truth?

What is there in His word of truth (the Bible) to rightly divide?

There are a host of subjects to rightly divide in the Bible.

For one thing the Bible contains:

Past truth.... Present truth....Future truth.... Eternal truth

Since we live in the present, it seems logical that present truth should be our focus.

Here are some truths that we won't likely hear in church. Instead of trying to make the church fit into the hopes and calling of Israel, here is where we rightly divide Israel and the church.

In answer to Jesus' prayer on the cross (“forgive them”) the Acts period was Israel's last chance to acknowledge Christ as their promised Messiah. During this 35-year time period three Gospels were written as well as the seven General Epistles and seven Pauline Epistles and Revelation: all of which had a kingdom hope in view for Israel.

In the last few verses of the Book of Acts Israel as a nation was pronounced blind and deaf to the salvation of God. Immediately thereafter a new direction was announced: *“Be it known unto you that the salvation of God is sent to the Gentiles and they will hear it”.* (Acts 28:28) **This is a major change in Divine Doctrine.**

After this Acts 28:28 proclamation John wrote his gospel to proclaim the loving Savior Christ Jesus of Israel has now become the Savior of “whosoever” in all the nations of the world. How can that happen without a change in Divine Doctrine?

The calling of Israel and their hope of a restored kingdom was now set aside by God (Lo-Ammi = not my people) (Hos 1:9). Now a new hope for a new calling for a new company will fill this parenthesis of time (Hos 6:2). God proclaims this “musterion” truth (mystery) in Paul’s post-Acts epistles to us, the church which is His body.

God’s Letters to today’s Church

Philippians	1 Timothy
Ephesians	Titus
Colossians	2 Timothy
Philemon	

After this present church age is ended God will continue and complete his New Covenant with Israel and complete His plan and purpose for the ages to come.

Is God actually dealing with different groups of people under different programs?

The church of today, the church which is His body did not just evolve from the churches in the Acts period. This “evolution” doctrine is not according to the truth.

The church of today was “created” as stated in Ephesians 2:15 as a new company. The “new man” in Ephesians 4:24, a new nature, with a new hope and a new calling. The post-Acts church has a new calling and a new hope apart from Israel.

“For the perfecting of the saints” in Eph 4:12 “means for the re-adjusting of the saints”. There needs to be a re-adjustment in doctrine before there can be an acknowledgment of the mystery of the church and its high calling.

Don’t hesitate to re-adjust your beliefs. After Acts 28:28 Paul had to re-adjust his doctrine a second time !! **Paul was given a new ministry under a new doctrine.**

...but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. (Phil 3:13-15)

Paul's new post-Acts ministry was to enlighten all men to see this new church doctrine: the church, which is His body with Christ as the Head.

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive (Eph 4:14)



Paul prayed shortly after he expounded this mystery:

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him: the eyes of our understanding be enlightened, that we may know what is the hope of His calling... (Eph 1:17-18)

Second to Proverbs, the words “wisdom”, “knowledge”, and “understanding” are used in Paul’s post-Acts epistles to Ephesians and Colossians (where the treasure is found).

Those whose eyes of understanding have been enlightened are able to see the great dividing line in scriptures that separates the past Judeo-Christian doctrine of the Acts period with a new doctrine for a new company of God’s choosing; the church, which is His body, of this present age, with Christ as its Head (not its King). This great dividing line is Acts 28:28.

Scriptures written after Acts 28:28 reveal the hidden treasure of correct church doctrine for this present age. This hid treasure was revealed to the Apostle Paul as expressed in his post-Acts epistles listed earlier.

There is a significant change in doctrine between the inter-Acts Judeo-Christian churches of God and the post-Acts church, which is his body. This change is signified by the proclamation of Acts 28:28.

This post-Acts doctrine was established almost 2000 years ago! What happened to it after Paul and Timothy left the scene? Not one mention of this ever in Christendom until the early 1900’s...about 100 years ago. Oh how successfully Satan has kept this treasure buried under so much of his false doctrine!

After Paul and Timothy left the scene, there is no evidence that the early Christian leaders understood, taught or acknowledged the mystery Paul expounded. It could not be found in their scriptures because it was revealed to Paul.

Perhaps they were convinced by the Judaizers that Paul was crazy because he kept changing his doctrine. Festus said Paul was mad (Acts 26:24). Satan's lie, that the kingdom hope is still in play, has kept Christians confused for almost 2000 years.

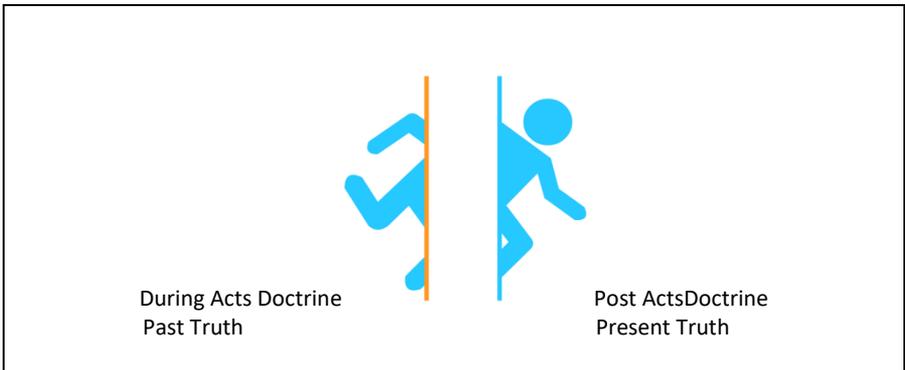
The inter-Acts churches started by the Apostles were Judeo-Christian (past truth). The seven churches in Revelation will be Judeo-Christian (future truth). The church of this age is not Judeo-Christian (present truth).

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all and in all (Col 3:11)

The glorious gospel of the post-Acts heavenly, spiritual, invisible, church is a precious hidden treasure in the Bible. This gospel is so different from Israel's gospel. This body of chosen people has a hope and a calling that is so different from those of Israel.

Sadly many have come to Acts 28:28 and see a mirror: their doctrine is a reflection of Israel's Judeo-Christian inter-Acts doctrine that God had suspended almost 2000 years ago (the understanding darkened). Joyfully a few come to Acts 28:28 and see a window with a new post-Acts doctrine revealed (understanding enlightened).

I like to call 2 Timothy 2:15 "Paul's Portal" to the hidden treasure.



Traditional Christian doctrine fails to see the great dividing line which separates the two distinct doctrines and the two distinct bodies. Thus, it continues to identify, in error, with the suspended inter-Acts Judeo-Christian kingdom doctrine.

Their Confessions of Faith acknowledge there is a visible church and there is an invisible church; but they could not separate the two doctrinally because they did not know to apply the principle of right division in the Scriptures.

Believers are being taught a doctrine of the past that was suspended by God almost 2000 years ago. Believers are hearing Israel's suspended gospel instead of the revealed post-Acts gospel of the church of this present age.

Acts 28:28 is a doctrinal dividing line, which if unseen, leads to incorrect church doctrine and confusion.

Acts 28:28 is a dividing line between Paul's seven inter-Acts epistles and his seven post-Acts epistles.

Acts 28:28 is a dividing line between what was written to Israel and what was written to the church of this age.



Proverbs 8:20-23 says about wisdom:

*I lead in the way of righteousness in the midst of the paths of judgment:
That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. The
Lord possessed me in the beginning of His way, before the works of old. I was set up from
everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.*

Ephesians 1:4 says the church of this age was chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world (Separately and long before He chose Israel).

This treasure is more precious than all the silver and gold in the world combined. This treasure is the wisdom, the understanding and knowledge of the correct present church doctrine that was hid in God; hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints. (Col 1:26)



To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. (Col 1:27-28)

Paul's last ministry was "To make all men see what is the dispensation (message) of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, Who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now, by the church, the wisdom of God might be known unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places." (paraphrased Eph 3:9-10)

This is God's plan and how we fit in: we are to proclaim God's wisdom to all spirit beings in the heavenlies where we are to be seated together in Christ Jesus.

This is simply a **restoration** of Paul's post-Acts "*musterion*" truth of God's present church, the body of Christ, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all.

It is apparent that the following are true:

- The hardest thing about studying the Bible is setting aside all the wrong doctrine taught in the past.
- The hardest thing for Israel was to set aside their laws and traditions for the truth in Jesus Christ as their promised Messiah.
- The hardest thing for the inter-Acts Judeo-Christians was to advance their doctrine to the post-Acts higher calling and better hope revealed to Paul.
- The hardest thing for believers today is to find this glorious treasure buried under a mountain of false doctrine produced by the Devil to conceal the truth of God's word.

Very few will find this hidden treasure. There will not likely be a crowd searching for it. You would think it should be like a gold-rush! Oh how hard it is to change our doctrines and our beliefs to agree with the Word of God.

If you are a seeker of truth, read again Acts Chapter 28, Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, and 2 Timothy. See, if you can, a change in the message by Paul.

By finding the hidden treasure we glorify Christ in His rightful Body wherein His church completes the body, the fulness of Christ, Who is the Head.

It is up to each individual to search and seek. If you were chosen by God, the Holy Spirit will lead you to see the hidden treasure. Once the treasure is found, it must be acknowledged and shared; a secret to be kept (guarded from the evil one).

Once correct church doctrine is acknowledged, then instruction in righteousness can be learned so that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works (conduct and practice) that can be approved unto God.

Paul's prayer in Colossians 1:9:

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

The church today is not part of the kingdom of Israel: its calling and its hope. The church has its own separate calling and hope that is much more free and glorious.

The redemption and restoration of Israel and their kingdom has been postponed so that God separately can offer salvation to peoples of all nations and call out his chosen church before he continues and completes His eternal purpose with Israel.

Step back and take a look at the big picture.

In the years of Christ on the earth and during first couple of centuries A. D., changing one's doctrine was a life-threatening experience.

For over 200 years after the destruction of Jerusalem, Jews and Christians were persecuted, martyred, and in many ways killed as a form of public entertainment.

Even after Christianity became the accepted Roman state religion, those who did not convert to Roman Catholicism were tortured, persecuted, martyred, and publicly mocked.

When common people could read Scriptures themselves, they could discover truths and form their own beliefs according to God's word, not those forced upon them.

Mass printing of Bibles began only 500 years ago with the invention of the press.

Various Protestant doctrines were developed about 500 years ago in Europe.

Only in the past 200 years has there been religious freedom whereby a person could change and express his beliefs without fear of death or persecution.

The discovery and restoration of Paul's principle of right division and the post-Acts "musterion" doctrine emerged over 100 years ago in the late 1800s.

Most Christians are born and raised in the doctrine of their family and, perhaps for fear of being shunned or ostracized, rarely question it or change it.

Today it takes little or no faith at all to become a member of a visible church.

It does take faith to become a member of the invisible church chosen by God.

Even God considers us to be a "peculiar" people called out for His purposes.

Instead of identifying with a denomination, why not identify with Christ as a member of His body.

In these last days God is calling out His church: the church which is His body.

Do you hear a "still small voice"? This requires an adjustment in belief.

Instead of Reformation, discover the Restoration of God's truth for today!

**For where your treasure is,
there will be your heart also.**

Matt 6:21

**Howbeit when He,
The Spirit of truth is come,
He will guide you into all truth**

John 16:13

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