

## Lesson 9

I Tim. 4:12

The pattern for our words when it comes to the message we preach about the Lord Jesus Christ is the pattern God delivered to the apostle Paul.

Rom. 16:25 “Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, according to the revelation of the \_\_\_\_\_, which was kept \_\_\_\_\_ since the world began.”

Surely the preaching of Jesus Christ which was kept secret (till revealed to Paul) since the world began is different than the message Peter preached after Pentecost in Acts 3:20 & 21 “And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the restitution of all things, which God hath \_\_\_\_\_ by the mouth of all his holy prophets \_\_\_\_\_ the world began.”

Paul preached something brand new about Jesus Christ. Let’s take a look at some of the things that are included in the “preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery”. These truths are unique to Paul’s message.

Only Paul preaches that:

1. Christ is the head of the body.
  - a. Col. 2:19 “And not holding the \_\_\_\_\_, from which all the \_\_\_\_\_ ...”
  - b. Eph. 4:15, 16 “...may grow up into him in all things, which is the \_\_\_\_\_, even Christ.”

In time past God had a special people, the nation of Israel. But because of their unbelief He has temporarily set them and their program aside. Rom. 9, 10 and 11 explain this. Israel is God’s earthly people and God will once again reinstate his plan and purposes with them after the body of Christ is removed at the rapture (blessed hope).

God is forming a new group of people today. The church, the body of Christ of which Christ is the Head.

2. You are complete. Col. 2:10 “And ye are \_\_\_\_\_ in him...”
3. You are joined to Christ in a new entity called the Body of Christ.
  - a. I Cor. 12:12, 13 “For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that \_\_\_\_\_ body, being many are one \_\_\_\_\_: so also is \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - b. vs. 13 “For by one Spirit are we all \_\_\_\_\_ into one \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - c. Eph. 2:15 “...for to make in himself of twain one \_\_\_\_\_, so making peace.”
  - d. vs. 16 “And that he might reconcile both (Jew and Gentile) unto God in one \_\_\_\_\_ by the cross...”

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4. You are indwelt by the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - a. Col. 1:27 “To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this \_\_\_\_\_ among the Gentiles; which is Christ \_\_\_\_ you, the hope of glory.”
  - b. Gal. 2:20 “...but \_\_\_\_\_ liveth in me...”
5. You are saved by the Lord Jesus Christ from the wrath to come. There is no “enduring to the end” for the body of Christ.
  - a. I Thes. 5:9 “For God hath not appointed us to \_\_\_\_\_, but to obtain \_\_\_\_\_ (not soul salvation) by our \_\_\_\_\_.”
6. You are set free from the law by our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - a. Gal. 5:1 “Stand fast therefore in the \_\_\_\_\_ wherewith \_\_\_\_\_ has made us \_\_\_\_\_, and be not entangled again with the yoke of \_\_\_\_\_.”

We could go on and on and what a lifetime of study to know Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery. This is the message all believers should be speaking.

I Cor. 1:10 “Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ thing, and that there be no \_\_\_\_\_ among you; but that ye be perfectly \_\_\_\_\_ together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”

Rom. 15:5, 6. Verse 6 “That ye may with \_\_\_\_\_ mind and \_\_\_\_\_ mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Titus 2:1 “But \_\_\_\_\_ thou the things which become sound doctrine.”

II Tim. 2:2 “And the things which thou hast \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ among many witnesses, the \_\_\_\_\_ commit thou to \_\_\_\_\_ men, who shall be able to \_\_\_\_\_ others also.”

If all believers were united in the pattern of sound words delivered by the risen ascended Lord Jesus Christ to the apostle Paul, the church would not be divided into denominations as we find it today.

Believers are preaching all sorts of things about the Lord Jesus Christ. They get a good parking spot for their car and it’s “praise the Lord for opening up that spot for them.” They get over the flu and it’s “thank the Lord, He made me better”. Nothing happens to most believers that they don’t attribute to the work of Christ in their lives. Usually Rom. 8:28 is cited as scriptural proof of this thinking. Look at Rom. 8:28, 5:3-5, & II Cor. 4:16-18.

God has so completely equipped us in Christ that anything, including the troubles, sorrows and tribulations that come along can be productive in our lives. “All things” do work together for good in our lives as we let them intensify what’s on the inside. Cause us to focus on the things which are not \_\_\_\_\_ as we read in II Cor. 4:18.

God has so completely secured us in Christ that He doesn’t need to steer the school bus or keep us out of harms way if we should be attacked by terrorists.

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Do we really believe Phil. 1:21-23?

Do we really believe II Cor. 5:7 “For we walk by \_\_\_\_\_ not by \_\_\_\_\_;”

What are you and I preaching about Jesus Christ? Hopefully not II Cor. 11:4 “For if he that cometh preacheth \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus, whom we (Paul) have not preached...”

Let’s study the Word of God rightly divided and preach the Lord Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery Rom. 16:26 “...made known to all nations for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”

And let us do it with BOLDNESS!

Eph. 6:19 “And for me, that I may \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_, to make known the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel.

Speak the truth in love boldly!

## Lesson 9 Answers and Comments

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| preaching | Christ    |
| Jesus     | free      |
| Christ    | bondage   |
| mystery   | speak     |
| secret    | same      |
| spoken    | divisions |
| since     | joined    |
| Head      | one       |
| body      | one       |
| head      | speak     |
| complete  | heard     |
| one       | me        |
| body      | same      |
| Christ    | faithful  |
| baptized  | teach     |
| body      | seen      |
| new       | faith     |
| man       | sight     |
| body      | another   |
| mystery   | obedience |
| in        | faith     |
| Christ    | open      |
| wrath     | mouth     |
| salvation | boldly    |
| Lord      | mystery   |
| Jesus     |           |
| Christ    |           |
| liberty   |           |

When you and I begin to distinguish the message of Paul concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, we can be sure that we will be met with opposition.

Gal. 4:16 "Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?"

Don't let majority opinion, accusations of being a "nit picker" or being divisive drive you into silence.

Glory in the persecution, get in the battle, endure hardness, be a good soldier.

Endeavor to: Eph. 3:9 "...make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ."