'Present Day Truth'

Part 1 of a 2 Part Series

church of GOD - VS -CHURCH of THE MYSTERYIsrael's HopeThe Blessed Hope(Acts 2 - Acts 28:28)(Acts 28:28 - Appearing)

Present Day Truth

You and I

Need to be able to ... <u>Recognize the Difference-(s)</u> (Plural) ... between the callings of ... • The church of God (Israel's Hope) Acts 2 - Acts 28:28 • The Church of The Mystery (or Our Blessed Hope) That will come about ... after ... Acts 28:28 or to 'The Epiphaneia' also known as 'The Appearing' or 'the Manifestation'

'The church of God' During <u>the Acts Period</u> was associated with <u>the Hope of Israel</u>

'The Church of the Mystery' ... or ... Our Blessed Hope Has been available or present ... Since ... The End of Acts 28:28 and will be here ... Until ...
The Epiphaneia, Glorious Appearing, or the Manifestation Titus 2:13 ... `Looking for' that <u>Blessed Hope</u> and <u>the Glorious Appearing</u> of the Great God and Our Saviour Jesus Christ

Since Jesus Christ - Himself

Is the

Blessed -(Happy)- Hope

I think We Could Call

Christ's Coming as the

'Happy ... Hope of Believers'

 Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this Mystery among the Gentiles ... <u>which is</u> ...
 <u>Christ in You</u>, <u>the Hope of Glory</u>

Php 3:20

"For Our Citizenship is in Heaven" from which also we look for the Saviour ... the Lord Jesus Christ

(FYI) <u>This triple name</u>, <u>the Lord Jesus Christ</u> <u>is used</u> <u>21 times</u> <u>in Paul's Epistles</u> 2Tim 2:10 Therefore ... I (the Apostle Paul)
 Endure All Things for the Elect's Sakes, that they may also obtain the <u>Salvation</u> which is In <u>Christ Jesus</u> with <u>Eternal Glory</u> Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our Life, Shall Appear, '<u>then</u>' shall you also <u>Appear with Him ... in Glory</u>

When Christ 'Appears'

Something Else is Going to Take Place

The Point in Time that Christ will Come is <u>Indefinite</u> God the Father 'Will be the One' ... Bringing About Christ's Coming

Our Appearing <u>With</u> Christ <u>In Glory</u>

Is <u>Dependent</u> on the <u>Time</u> Whenever 'Christ <u>Appears</u>'

We are to live Our Life **'Looking For' The Blessed Hope** 2 Hopes • 1st ... the Dispensation of Promise ... **Pre-Acts 2 to Acts 28:28 or an 'Earth People'** • 2nd ... the Dispensation of the Mystery ... **Post-Acts 28:28 or 'Citizenship in the Heavens'** the Glorious Appearing or the Manifestation

`the Church the Body of Christ'

An Important Point Here

Meeting the Lord ... in the Air Is a Hope of the Jews It is an Israel Hope
Meeting in the Air is ... Never ... Mentioned in Connection with ... <u>Post</u>-Acts 28:28 the Church the Body of Christ

2nd Hope The Manifestation or The Appearing

• Which Concerns ...

Those whose Citizenship is in the Heavens • Who will be ...

Seated with Jesus Christ at the Right Hand of God

• The Manifestation or the Appearing ...

Is to be In the Heavens Not Here on Earth

• Those who will take part in it are ...

Those whose Life is Hid with Christ in God

The 1st Hope Is For ... Earth Dwellers ... it was ... <u>Not</u> ... a <u>Secret</u> that was <u>Hid</u> from Ages and Generations

Like ... the Message

That was Revealed to the Apostle Paul Concerning the Church of the Mystery

The Fact is that **People would have a Resurrection in Heaven** • and They Were To be Manifested with Christ the Head Was ... not a known fact ... for Ages and • **Generations** ... Until ... It was revealed to the **Apostle Paul** ... 'After' ... Acts 28:28

The **Believers** are Caught up to ... **the air (<u>not</u> Heaven)** To meet **the Lord** as **He** comes to take over the Kingdoms of this Earth And to Rule on the Throne of His Father David And it is Promised that ... When Christ is Manifested

... Then ...

Is When ... His Church Which is ... His Body Will be Manifested with Him

"No-Where"

Do we find ... in the Bible that Any of these Individuals will be Resurrected Here on the Earth and Then ... **They Would Have to be Transported** to Heaven

The word ... Parousia ... Greek Word #3952 is used to Define ...

- The <u>Hope</u> of the Kingdom &
- The church of ... <u>the Acts Period</u>

The word ... Epiphaneia ... Greek Word #2015 Has Been Reserved

... for ...

The Hope of the Church of the Mystery

- 1Tim 6:14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until ... the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:
- 2Tim 1:10 But is now made manifest by ... the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:
- 2Tim 4:1 ¶ I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at ... <u>His</u>
 <u>appearing</u> and His kingdom;
- 2Tim 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love ... <u>His appearing</u>.
- Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and ... <u>the glorious</u> appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

The Glorious Appearing

Is not ... the <u>Rapture</u>

that is

Used So Very Freely In Christian Circles and Conversations The term ... <u>Rapture</u> ... has been linked with the 2nd coming of Christ very consistently over the years that the terms have practically become one and the same.

But ... is this **<u>Rapture</u>** development ... **Scriptural**?

The term **<u>Rapture</u>** is ... <u>**Never**</u> ... used in the Bible

- 1Thess 4:15-17 (v16) For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with ... <u>the trump of God</u> ... and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
- 1Cor 15:51-52 (v52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at ... <u>the last trump</u> ... for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

But When God's Word Is Being

Rightly Divided

Somehow These Difficulties Seem To ...

'Just ... <u>Disappear</u>'

There is a People that will be Caught up to Meet the Lord when He Comes

This is ... Never ... Spoken of

In The Church of the Mystery

We are Openly Told in ... Eph 3:8 A <u>Post</u>-Acts 28 Scripture `<u>the Church</u>' ... Which Jesus Christ is the Head ... Is ...

<u>Not</u> ... the Subject of Prophecy

- There is No Trace of ... '<u>the Church</u>'... that can be found in the Prophetic Scriptures
- Because ... '<u>the Church</u>' ... was a Secret that was kept hid ... <u>Until</u> ... it was revealed by God to the Apostle Paul

2nd Coming of Christ is a Single Event!

It is not a **2-Phase Event** With the 1st Event

Being the So-Called

Rapture

 The Sure Word of God or
 The Teachings of Man?

Your choice!

Col 2:8 (Post-Acts 28) Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, <u>after</u> the <u>traditions</u> of men, <u>after</u> the <u>rudiments</u> of the world ... and ... Not ... after ... Christ.

At the <u>Time</u> of the Writing of these following Texts ...

1Cor 15:51-52 1Thess 4:15-17 & Rev 11:15

There was No Church Yet
Which ... Christ was the Head
The Mystery ... had <u>Not Yet</u> been Revealed to the Apostle Paul
The Mystery's ... First Revelation was in the book of Ephesians, which was written about AD 64, some 11 years <u>After</u>...

the Thessalonian letters were written

You will find ... <u>No Mention</u> of Anyone going to ... the Heaven of Heavens

Except

the Lord Himself.

Keep this point in mind

These Believers ... Never Get Beyond ... the <u>Air</u> and the <u>Clouds</u>

... But Instead ...

They will <u>Return</u> to the Earth <u>With</u> the Lord to be with Him in the Millennial Kingdom

This is ... <u>Not</u> ... the Hope of The Church which is the Body of Christ of which Christ is the Head

So why ... is it so difficult for people to let

'the Scriptures'

Just speak for themselves without trying to explain everything away

... There is ... <u>Nothing</u> For Anyone To Gain or To have the Hope of the <u>Rapture</u> For Today, in 2023

- 1Thess 4:16-17,
- 1Cor 15:51-52 &
 - Rev 11:15

These References were <u>All</u> Written <u>Before</u> - Acts 28:28

They are <u>All</u> for Israel's Hope they are <u>not</u> for the Hope of the Church of the Mystery

Col 3:4 - which was written ... <u>After</u> Acts 28:28 The Scene in Col 3:4 is ... in Heaven The Lord will be Crowned there, in Heaven <u>Before</u> Christ makes His <u>Appearance</u> in the Air

and comes down to the Earth

The <u>Appearance</u> of <u>Jesus Christ</u> ... <u>Again</u> ...

Is An Undeniable Fact

It is so solid that Paul uses it as a pillar from which he charges Timothy to preach the Word Our <u>Inheritance</u> is in the Holy of Holies

It is in this place the Holy of Holies that the household of God is located of which those who are looking will have a part **Dispensation of the Grace of God** which Paul wrote about in -

Eph 3:2 If ye have heard of ... the dispensation of the grace of God ... which is given ... to me for you:

... Present Day Truth ...

- You & I <u>must</u>, or You and I <u>need</u>
- To Recognize ... the Differences

• Between the Calling of ...

• the church of God ... or ... the church of God during the Acts period ...

... and ...

 the Church of the Mystery or the Post-Acts 28 message, that has been presented to you by the Apostle Paul Mr Oscar Baker, Author Of Truth for Today Wrote that ... <u>Only</u> ... Approximately

7 or 8 people out of a Million Individuals

Will Recognize the Differences in what they Read in Paul's Prison Epistles

Today, in **The Church of the Mystery** In which **Christ Jesus is the Head** ... there is ...

... No Distinction ...

Between the Jew and the Gentile The More that you Choose to **Read** and to **Study Paul's 14 books** The More you will become Familiar with ... **the Dispensation of the Grace of God** ... That was Written about in Paul's

Last' ... 7 BooksEph, Php, Col, 1 & 2 Tim, Titus & Philemon

I want to

Thank You

For listening Today and I'll Close With ...

In the Name of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus

Amen!

