



TRUTH FOR TODAY

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At the Cross

In Ephesians 2



**Comparing verses of Eph 2:11-18
to verses found
in the Acts period epistles**

Acts ↔ Post-Acts

Eph 2:11-12

¹¹Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; ¹²That 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:

Rom 9:3-5

...my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: ⁴ Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; ⁵ Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

Ps 148:14

He also exalteth the horn of His People, the praise of all His saints, even the children of Israel, a People near unto Him.

Eph 2:13

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Acts 2:39 (Peter)

³⁹ For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Eph 2:14

***¹⁴ For he is our peace, who hath made both one,
and hath broken down the middle wall of partition
between us;***

Acts 15:7-9

Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. ⁸ And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

Gal 3:28

In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile,... for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

Gal 6:15

¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

Col 3:11

**¹¹ Where there is neither Greek nor Jew,
circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian,
Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.**

Eph 2:15

¹⁵ Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances;

Rom 3:21-22

²¹ But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; ²² Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Col 2:14

¹⁴ Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Col 2:20

²⁰ Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

Acts 9:15

for he (Saul) is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Acts 10:28 (Peter)

Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Eph 2:15

***... for to make (create) in himself of twain
one new man, so making peace;***

2 Cor 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he (there) is a new creature (creation): old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Rom 12:4-5

For as we have many members in one body...So we being many are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another

Eph 2:16

¹⁶ *And that he might* fully **reconcile** apokatalasso,
*both unto God in one body by the cross, having
slain the enmity thereby:*

2 Cor 5:18-19

*¹⁸ And all things are of God, who hath **reconciled (katallasso)** us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, **reconciling (katallasso)** the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*

Romans 5:10:

*For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled (katallasso)** to God by the death of his Son, much more, being **reconciled (katallasso)**, we shall be saved by his life.*

Col 1:20-21

²⁰ And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to **fully reconcile** all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

²¹ And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He **fully reconciled** ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprieveable in His sight:

Eph 2:17

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

John 1:4, 9, 29

⁴ In Him was life; and the life was the light of men.

⁹ That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

²⁹ ...Behold the Lamb of God, Which taketh away the sin of the world.

John 3:16 - 17

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that every believing one in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

¹⁷ For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

Rom 3:29

²⁹ Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: ³⁰ Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

Acts 20:20

²⁰ And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, ²¹ Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 2:18

For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Rom 5:2

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: ² By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Precepts already presented during The Acts Period

⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ,
(by grace ye are saved;)

⁶ And hath raised us up

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith;

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

¹⁵ Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances;

for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making
peace;

¹⁶ And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross,

(PAUL)

Who presented
these concepts

During the Acts
Period?

- **Why is Paul re-establishing these basic principles (with some new revelations) in Ephesians 2 ?**
- **Why is Paul taking us back to the cross in Ephesians 2 ?**



But God...

But now...

Now therefore...

For this cause...



**The post-Acts Epistles of Paul are
written in such a way as though**

**the Acts period
never happened !**

Phil 3:7-8

⁷ But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yea doubtless, and **I count all things but loss** for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and **do count them but dung**, that I may win Christ,

Phil 3:13-15

¹³ Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind**, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ 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.



ACTS

**POST-
ACTS**



POST- ACTS



John's Gospel to the unsaved

POST- ACTS

Paul's message to the saved

Ephesians Chapter 2, more than any other chapter in all of Paul's post-Acts epistles, gives us the clues and the proof, All of Paul's post-Acts epistles are written in such a way as though the Acts period never happened.

In other words, all that Acts period teaching is not a necessity to us today.

We can go back to the cross and carry forward with the simplicity of John's Gospel of salvation and Paul's post-Acts epistles to the saved.

John's Gospel

To the world

Eternal life by simple belief (9 times)

Holy Spirit of Truth

No Repentance

Worship in Spirit and truth

No Lord's Supper

Freedom in Christ

No New Covenant

No Kingdom Message



Paul's post- Acts Epistles

The mystery of godliness

The mystery of Christ

The mystery of the Body of Christ



**¹⁶ All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
¹⁷ That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.**

All the Bible is for us, not all the Bible is to us.

¹⁵ Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, *rightly dividing* the word of truth.

The way the post-Acts writings are worded upholds and confirms our belief that the Acts period writings do not pertain to the present dispensation of grace and the calling out of the Body of Christ



Aside from Ephesians Chapter 2
There is another whole study on the
parallel verses with a different twist
between the Acts and post-Acts
Writings.











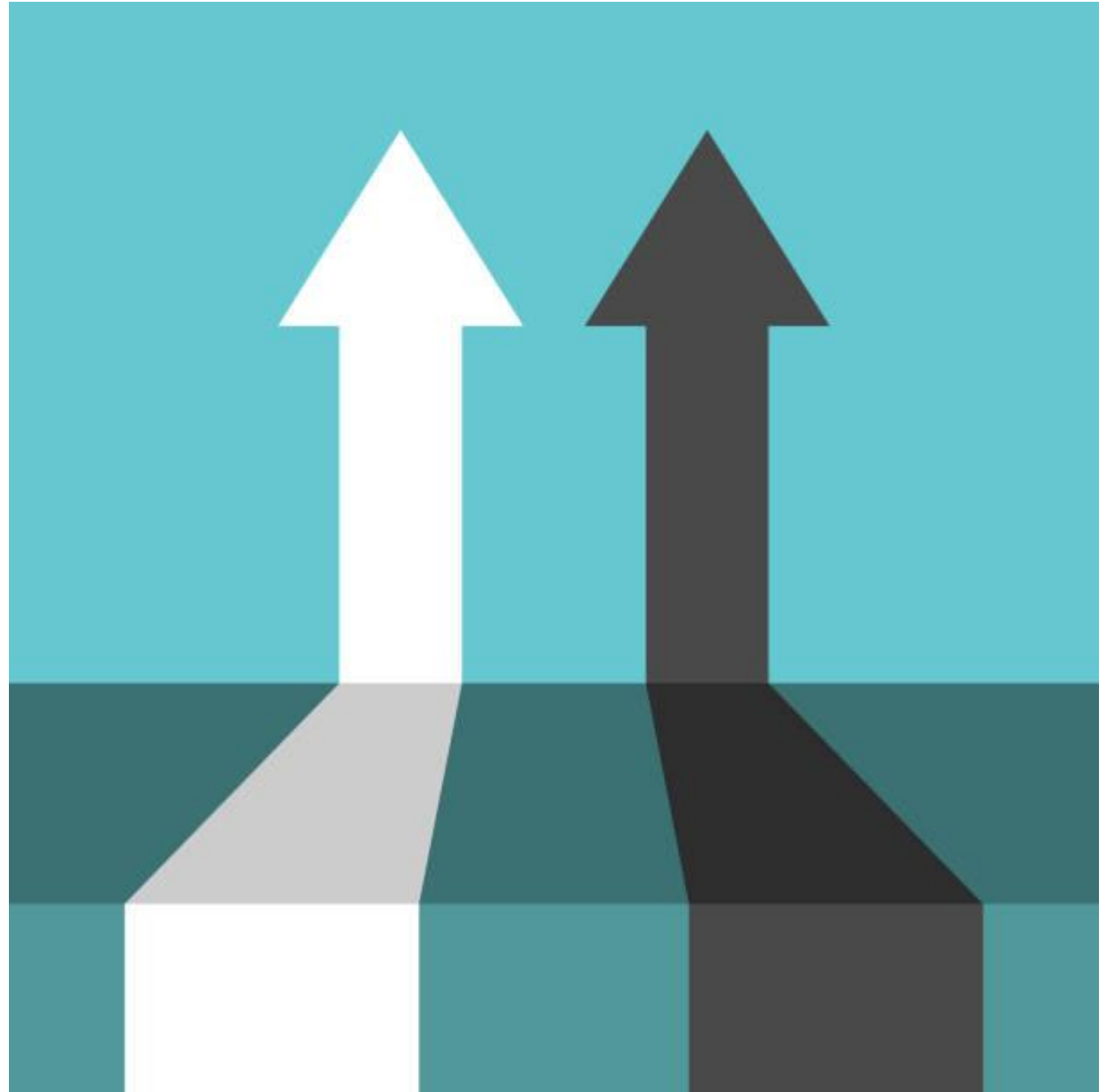
THE BIG “IF”:

If there are two dispensations
running parallel,

one earthly, one heavenly,

you can only be in one

and must be blind to the other.



**The post-Acts writings are able to
stand alone on their own doctrine
for this present age.**

**Even without the Acts period writings
all men can be saved and come to the
acknowledgment of the truth.**



As I have learned from the Holy Spirit of truth

The reason Paul goes back to the cross and lays out the basic doctrine for our salvation, our calling and our hope in this present age, is to show that these stand alone.

They are separate and different from any other calling and hope in God's plan.



This principle is important and helpful in your studies; when you remember that

Paul's post-Acts epistles are written as though the Acts period writings never happened.

This will help you rightly divide the word of truth and to discern the things that differ. It will help to avoid confusion and misinterpretation of scriptures.



What gospel?

What body?

What day of Christ?

What baptism?

What doctrine?

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**For
this
cause...**



THE BODY OF CHRIST

AS THOUGH

THE ACTS PERIOD

NEVER HAPPENED