

Right Division in Practice

Purpose: To discover the meaning of “Right Division” and therefore answer the 4 questions below.

Questions:

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

Christ Practiced Right Division:

Luke 4:16-9 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about. ¹⁵And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. ¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read. ¹⁷And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, ¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, ¹⁹To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. ²⁰And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him.

Why?

Isa 61:1-3 The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; ²To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; ³To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

He stopped reading when prophecy was not truth for that time and day because He was doing everything prophesied in verse one but not yet all of verse two as the day of vengeance was still future.

What does the Bible say about eating Meat:

Gen 1:29 ²⁹And God said, Behold, I have given you **every herb bearing seed**, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the **fruit of a tree** yielding seed; to you it **shall be for meat**.

³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so.

But then in **Gen 9:3**

³Every **moving thing that liveth** shall be **meat** for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things.

Then the Bible makes a differentiation between Clean Versus Unclean animals:

Lev 11:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These *are* the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that *are* on the earth. ³Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, *and* cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat. ⁴Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: as the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you. ⁵And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you. ⁶And the hare, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you. ⁷And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he *is* unclean to you. ⁸Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they *are* **unclean** to you.

2 Tim 4:3-5 ³Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to **abstain from meats**, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. ⁴For **every creature of God is good**, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: ⁵For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

So which is right? Should we still be vegetarians? Should we eat only certain animals? What changed that God said it was OK to eat any and all creatures?

Provisions:

Luke 9:3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for *your* journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece. ⁴And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart. ⁵And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them. ⁶And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

Luke 22:35-36 ³⁵And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. ³⁶Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take *it*, and likewise *his* scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. ³⁷For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end. ³⁸And they said, Lord, behold, here *are* two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

Marriage:

1 Cor 7:8-9 and, 25-29 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. ⁹But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

²⁵Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful.

²⁶I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, *I say*, that *it is* good for a man so to be. ²⁷Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. ²⁸But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you. ²⁹But this I say, brethren, the time *is* short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;

1 Tim 5:14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully

Healing:

Acts 28:8-9 And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. ⁹So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:

Acts 19:12 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: ¹²So that from his body were **brought unto the sick handkerchiefs** or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

2 Tim 4:20 Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have **I left at Miletum sick.**

Why did Paul Leave him sick? Why not send a handkerchief to him to heal him?

1 Tim 5:22-23 Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. ²³Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.

Phil 2:25, 27, 30 Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants. ²⁶For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. ²⁷For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸I sent him therefore the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful. ²⁹Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation: ³⁰Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

Christ tells his disciples to Minister to the Jews not Gentiles then changes the future Ministry to Nations:

Matt 10:5-6 ⁵These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles**, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: ⁶But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. ⁸Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. ⁹Provide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses, ¹⁰Nor scrip for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves: for the workman is worthy of his meat.

Matt 28:19

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

But the disciples never left Jerusalem yet Paul the apostle says:

Act 28:28 - Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the **Gentiles**, and that they will hear it.

Rom 11:13 - For I speak to you **Gentiles**, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:

Eph 3:8 - 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;

2Ti 1:11 - Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the **Gentiles**.

2Ti 4:17 - Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the **Gentiles** might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

So what changed that the Gentiles were being preached to? No wonder people are confused!

Hope:

Acts 28:20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see *you*, and to speak with *you*: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain. (*Bound for the hope of Isreal*)

Eph 3:1-7 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, (*Prisoner for you Gentiles*) ²If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: ³How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, ⁴Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) ⁵Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; ⁶That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: ⁷Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

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