

Paul, Apostle or Deceiver!

Scriptures Used

Rom 3:8 (NIV) "Why not say--as **we are being slanderously reported as saying** and as some claim that we say--" Let us do evil that good may result"? Their condemnation is deserved."

Acts 21:28 (NKJV) "crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all *men* everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place.""

Eph 3:3-6 (NKJV) "how that by revelation He made **known to me the mystery** (as I have briefly written already, [4] by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), [5] which **in other ages was not made known to the sons of men**, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit **to His holy apostles and prophets**: [6] that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,"

Gal 2:6 (NKJV) "But from those who seemed to be something; whatever they were, it makes no difference to me; God shows personal favoritism to no man; for those who seemed *to be something* added nothing to me."

Psa 119:160 (NASB) "**The sum of Thy word is truth**, And every one of Thy righteous ordinances is everlasting."

Dr. Ken Blue, Dr. in theology and pastor of Open Door Baptist Church in Washington wrote:

"Those who understand and believe the dispensational teachings of the Bible teach that **the Pauline epistles are specifically for the Church, the body of Christ**. **They make a clear distinction between these and the Hebrew epistles or the four Gospels.**" ... "However, there is "dispensation" or a "stewardship" of grace, which was committed to Paul. It had a beginning and will have an ending. **We call it grace because it extends to all without works, without the Jews or the law.**"... "However, **there have been and will be saved Jews and Gentiles who are not part of the present body of Christ.**"¹

I would like us to ask the following three questions: (analogy of a painting)

1. When we see Paul's finished painting (message / gospel) – what will it look like? (what is Paul trying to communicate – what is his gospel)
2. Will his painting (message / gospel) look different than the paintings (Message / gospel) of Moses, the prophets, the apostles and of Messiah as the Church claims?
3. And, if we can accurately determine by scriptural evidence that his painting (message / gospel) looks the same as the painting (message / gospel) of all the other Biblical writers who were inspired by the same Spirit – why is it then - that when the Church sees Paul's painting (message / gospel) they see something completely different? Shouldn't they see the same painting /or message as presented by every other Biblical writer including Yeshua?

¹ Dr. Ken Blue, Dispensationalism Misunderstood (Port Orchard, WA.: Local Church Publishing 1997) Iddid. Pg. 8,10,14

Gal 1:11-13 (NIV) "I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached **is not something that man made up.** [12] **I did not receive it from any man,** nor was I taught it; rather, **I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.** [13] For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it."

Gal 1:20 (NKJV) "(Now *concerning* the things which I write to you, indeed, before God, I do not lie.)"
Gal 1:20 (NIV) "I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie."

Gal 2:2 (NKJV) "And I went up by revelation, and **communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles,** but privately to those who were of reputation, **lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.**"

The NIV reads this way,

Gal 2:2 (NIV) "I went in response to a revelation and **set before them the gospel that I preach among the Gentiles.** But I did this privately to those who seemed to be leaders, **for fear that I was running or had run my race in vain.**"

Gal 2:6-9 (NKJV) "But from those who seemed to be something; **whatever they were, it makes no difference to me;** God shows personal favoritism to no man; **for those who seemed to be something added nothing to me.** [7] **But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter** [8] **(for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles),** [9] and when **James, Cephas, and John,** who seemed to be pillars, **perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship,** that **we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.**"

Gal 2:14-15 (NKJV) "But when I saw that they were not straightforward **about the truth of the gospel,** I said to Peter before *them* all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews? [15] "*We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles,*"

Gal 3:8 (NKJV) "And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, **preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand,** saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed.""

Heb 4:2-6 (NKJV) "For indeed **the gospel was preached to us as well as to them;** but the word which they heard did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith** in those who heard *it.* [3] For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My wrath, "They shall not enter My rest," although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. [4] For **He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way:** "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works"; [5] and again in this *place:* "They shall not enter My rest." [6] Since therefore it remains that some *must* enter it, **and those to whom it was first preached did not enter because of disobedience,**"

1 Cor 11:1 (NKJV) "Imitate me, just as **I also imitate Christ.**"

Mat 13:10-15 (NKJV) "And the disciples came and said to Him, "**Why do You speak to them in parables?**" [11] He answered and said to them, "**Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.** [12] "For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. [13] "**Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do**

not hear, nor do they understand. [14] "And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; [15] **For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.**'"

2 Pet 3:15-16 (NKJV) "and consider *that* the longsuffering **of our Lord is salvation; as also** our beloved brother Paul, **according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,** [16] as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some **things hard to understand,** which **untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction,** as **they do** also the rest of the Scriptures."

2 Th 2:9-12 (NKJV) "The coming of **the lawless one** is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, [10] and with all **unrighteous deception among those who perish,** because **they did not receive the love of the truth,** that they might be saved. [11] And for this reason **God will send them** strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, [12] that they all may be condemned **who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**"

2 John 1:6 (NKJV) "**This is love, that we walk according to His commandments.** This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it."

2 Cor 4:3-4 (NKJV) "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled **to those** who are perishing, [4] The god of this age has blinded the minds of **unbelievers,** so that they **cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**"

Mat 7:21-23 (NKJV) ""Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. [22] "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' [23] "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"

Mat 15:8-9 (NKJV) ""These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me. [9] **And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**""

J. Dwight Pentecost writes:

"It should be clear from a survey of the passages already cited (Jere 31; Heb 8) that **this covenant (New Covenant) was made with Israel,** the physical seed of Abraham according to the flesh, **and with them alone.**"² Parenthesis mine

Most recently Mr. Pentecost added:

"The Church cannot be presently fulfilling the New Covenant"³

John Walvoord agrees, saying:

"The New Covenant is with Israel and awaits the second coming of Christ for its fulfillment."⁴

² J. Dwight Pentecost, "Things To Come" (Grand Rapids, MI Zondervan, 1958), pg 116

³ J. Dwight Pentecost "Thy Kingdom Come" (Grand Rapids, MI Victor Books, 1990), pg 173

⁴ John F. Walvoord, "The Millennial Kingdom" (Grand Rapids, MI Zondervan, 1959), pg 209

Mat 24:3-5 (NKJV) "Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And **what will be the sign of Your coming**, and of the end of the age?" [4] And Jesus answered and said to them: "**Take heed that no one deceives you.** [5] "**For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.**"

2 Cor 11:13-15 (NKJV) "For such *are* false apostles, **deceitful workers**, **transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.** [14] And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. [15] Therefore **it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness**, whose end will be according to their works."

Mat 22:14 (NKJV) ""**For many are called, but few are chosen.**""

Mat 24:12 (NASB) ""**And because lawlessness is increased**, most people's love will grow cold."

2 Tim 4:3-4 (NIV) "For the time will come when **men will not put up with sound doctrine**. Instead, **to suit their own desires**, they will **gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.** [4] **They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.**"

James 4:4 (NIV) "You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world **is hatred toward God?** **Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.**"

2 Tim 2:19 (NKJV) "Nevertheless **the solid foundation of God stands**, having this seal: "**The Lord knows those who are His,**" and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ **depart from iniquity.**""

Acts 28:23-24 (NKJV) "So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at *his* lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly **testified of the kingdom of God**, **persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets**, from morning till evening. [24] And **some were persuaded** by the things which were spoken, and **some disbelieved.**"

2 Pet 3:17 (NIV) "Therefore, **dear friends, since you already know this**, be on your guard so that **you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men** and fall from your secure position."

Shabbat Shalom!