

OUR HOPE

The Hope of the church which is His body



RIGHTLY DIVIDING PAUL

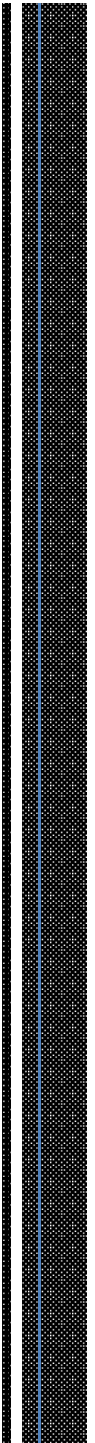
- Romans 1:1,2
 - Written around Acts 20, Paul is a bond servant of Jesus Christ for the gospel promised through the prophets
- Acts 28:20
 - bound because of the Hope of Israel
 - The gospel promised through the prophets
- Eph. 3:1
 - A prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles



Acts Period		Post Acts
Ministers to the Jews	Paul – a minister to Jews and Gentiles but to the Jew first	Paul a minister to Jews and Gentiles as one new man
James	Romans	Ephesians
1 John	1 Corinthians	Philippians
2 John	2 Corinthians	Colossians
3 John	Galatians	1 Timothy
1 Peter	1 Thessalonians	2 Timothy
2 Peter	2 Thessalonians	Titus
Jude	Hebrews	Philemon

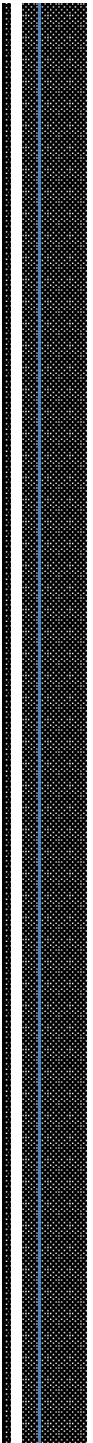
BOUND FOR THE HOPE OF THE CHURCH

- Eph. 3:1-3
 - A prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles
 - Dispensation given to me for you...
 - The mystery
- Eph. 3:8,9
 - Among the gentiles
 - Mystery hidden
- Col 1:24-26
 - Hidden from ages and from generations
- For what purpose
 - Eph. 3:9,10



NEW DISPENSATION, NEW HOPE

- Eph. 1:3,4
 - Blessed with every spiritual blessing
 - In heavenly places (the heavenlies)
 - Chosen before the foundation of the world
 - Before Him (Gr. *Katenopoian*, in the sight of, in the presence of or lit. before His face)
- Eph. 1:11
 - We have an inheritance, according to His purpose
 - Sealed with the holy spirit...
 - The guarantee of our inheritance
- Eph. 1:16
 - Pauls Prays



PRAYER OF EPHESIANS 1:16-19

- That God would give...
 - Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him

- So that..
 - The eyes of our understanding may be enlightened

- So that you may know...
 1. What is the hope of His calling
 2. What are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints
 3. What is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe



EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER

- Which He Worked in Christ – Eph. 1:20-23
 - When He raised Him from the dead
 - Sat Him at His right hand
 - In heavenly places, far above all
 - Gave Him to be head to the church which is His body

- Which He worked in Us – Eph. 2:1-6
 - Made us *Alive* (Raised from the dead)
 - Made us sit together in Christ
 - In heavenly places
 - We are the body of which He is the head



EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER

Ephesians 1:20 – 2:6

Worked In Christ

Worked in us

Raised Him from the dead

Made alive (raised from the dead)

Seated Him at His right hand

Made us sit together in Christ

In the heavenly places (Far above all)

In heavenly places

Gave Him to be head over the body



COL. 3:1-4 WHEN AND THEN

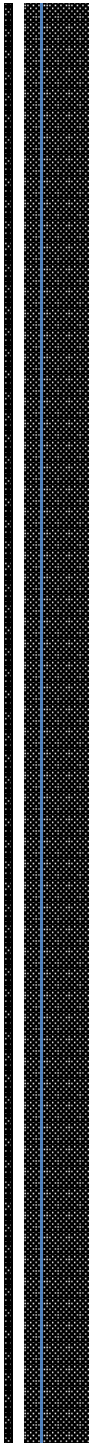
- If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.
- Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.
- For you died, and your life is **hidden** with Christ in God.
- **When** Christ *who is* our life appears, **then** you also will appear with Him in glory.

- appear, Gr. **Phaneroō**



THE PHAINŌ FAMILY

- **Phaneroō** - **G5319**; definition: to render apparent (literally or figuratively): - appear, v.
- **Phaneros** - **G5318**; shining, that is, apparent (literally or figuratively); *adj.*
- **Phainō** – **G5316**; to lighten (shine), show - appear, seem, be seen, shine,
 - 31 times KJV appear (17), shine (10), be seen (2), seem (1), think (1)
- **Phōs** - **G5457**, (to shine or make manifest, especially by rays; luminousness
 - 70 times in KJV light (68), fire (2)



EPIPHANEIA

- **Epiphaneia** – **G2015**; definition: to render apparent (literally or figuratively): - appear, v.
- **Epiphanēs** - **G2016**; *conspicuous*, that is, (figuratively) *memorable*: - notable.
 - English word **Epiphany**
- **Epiphainō** - **G2014**; to *shine upon*, that is, *become* (literally) *visible* or (figuratively) *known*: - appear, give light.
- **Epi** **G1909**; preposition, and **G5316** **Phainō**



PAROUSIA

- **Parousia** – **G3952**; a *being near*, that is, *advent* (often, *return*; specifically of Christ); physical *aspect*: - coming, presence.

- 24 times in KJV coming (22), presence (2).
- 16 of which refer to the coming of the Lord

Matthew (4), I Cor. (1), 1 Thess. (4), 2 Thess. (2),
James (2), 2 Peter (2), 1 John (1)

- Matthew 25:31

- 1. Son of man comes
- 2. Sits on the throne



EPIPHANEIA - POST ACTS EPISTLES

- Paul uses *epiphaneia* 5 times in reference to the Lords appearance.
- 1 Timothy 6:13,14 ...Jesus Christ's appearing
- 2 Timothy 1:8-10 ...by the appearing of
- 2 Timothy 4:1 ...at His appearing
- 2 Timothy 4:8 ...His appearing
- Titus 2:13 ...that blessed hope



EPIPHANEIA - IN THE ACTS PERIOD

- 1 Peter 5:4 - Chief Shepherd appears
- 1 John 2:28 – When He appears
- 2 Thess. 2:8 – Brightness of His coming

- Acts 2:20 Great and awesome (Phaino) day
- Rev. 6:12-16
- Matthew 24:27-31

- Col 3:4
 - **When** Christ who is our life appears, **then** you also will **appear** with Him in glory.



STAGES OF CHRIST'S SECOND COMING

- 1. The Appearing
 - Christ is revealed sitting at the right hand of God, in glory. His body, the church appears with Him. Far above all, far above the clouds of (1 Thess. 4)

- 2. The Parousia, Rapture
 - Christ begins His descent down through the clouds, a selected remnant of Jews and Gentiles. (1 Thess.4)

- 3. The Parousia, The Hope of Israel
 - Christ returns to earth on the mount of Olives to regather Israel and Reign for 1000 years. (Matt. 24:31)



THE LORD'S ASCENSION

- Acts 1:12 Mount of Olives
- Acts 1:9 He was taken up
 - A cloud received Him
 - Out of their sight (hidden)
- Acts 2:32,33
 - ...to the right hand of God
- Acts 1:11
 - ... so come in like manner as you saw Him go...

