

Lesson 2: Apparent Contradictions

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- APPARENT CONTRADICTIONS

- Example: If I told you today we should build an ark in order to follow God, would I be right in telling you that or not? NO! Why? I am being Biblical I could go back to Genesis 6:14 and say well Noah was a person of God, we are the people of God; "Make God an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch....etc". God gave a command to do that and we are to follow the commandments of God and if you didn't you would be disobeying God. I could be totally Biblical and Scriptural in saying that, but why would I be wrong?
 - Context, not what God is doing today (what determines what God is doing today or not), His Word

Issue	IP	PE
Dietary Commands	Lev. 11:1-8	1 Tim. 4:1-5
Miraculous Provision	Matt. 6:25, 31-33, 10:9-15; Acts 4:32-35	1 The. 4:11-12; 2 The. 3:7-12
Baptism	Matt. 3:11-12; Jn. 1:33	1 Cor. 1:17
Circumcision	Gen. 17:9-14; Jn. 7:21-23	Gal. 5:1-3, 6
Sabbath Day(s)	Lev. 23:1 (Holy Days - Feasts) v. 3 sabbath v. 10-11 firstfruits v. 15-16 pentecost v. 24 trumpets v. 26 atonement v. 37 tabernacles	Gal. 4:1-7; Col. 2:16-17
Laws Function	Moses; Matt. 23:1-4; Gal. 4; Jn. 7:21-23	Rom. 6:14; Eph. 2; Col. 2; 1 Tim. 1
2nd Coming	After trib. - Matt. 24; Jas. 5:8; Ps. 68; Zech. 14:1-5; Isa. 3:11; Isa. 31:4-5, 42:13-15, 66:15-16(Rev. 6:2, 19:11) Saints go thru it - Matt. 24 Return to Mt. of Olives - Zech. 14:1-5; Matt. 24:3; Acts 1	1 The. 4:13-5:11;

- Terminology

- 2 Timothy 2:15 - "rightly dividing" (by going through those contradictions are starting to notice two teachings)
 - Scriptures broken down (Gen. - Acts 7 & Heb. - Rev. vs. Rom. - Phe.)
 - When you divide something you at least have 2 of something.

- They are similar, but different and each together make up the whole.
- How is one not ashamed, according to this verse? By study and being a workman
- How does the workman work? By "rightly dividing the word of truth"
 - Therefore, we know something
 1. This is going to take some work in the field of study
 - a) Study - a setting of the mind or thoughts upon a subject; to apply the mind to; to read and examine for the purpose of learning and understanding
 - b) The subject of study is "the word of truth" and how we study and how we work in studying is by "rightly dividing the word of truth".
 - c) If we don't disastrous results will follow; overthrown and overthrow regarding faith (v. 16-18)
 2. There is at least 2 parts when we divide (need to look for)
 - a) 2 distinct parts
 3. If Paul commands us to do it, then he must be doing it

- **3 Primary Ways of Learning**

1. Following along and paying attention from Genesis to Paul one ought to see where the division needs to be made.
 - The apostle Paul teaches this in 2 primary places
 2. Romans 9-11
 3. Eph. 2-3
- Romans 9-11 --- (In a sense are learning it backwards)
 - Romans 9-11 is the first time in Paul's epistles where he goes into detail regarding Israel and his ministry.
 - Go through chart
 - Eph. 2:11-18; 3:1-9
 - Go through chart

- **Paul's Apostleship & Message**

- Introduce: Rom. 11:13; Eph. 3:1-9
- Why Paul?

1) **Apostleship**

- An apostle
- God already had 12 (Matt. 19:28)
- Common misunderstandings
 - Paul is the 12th apostle and Judas' replacement
 - Paul is the 13th apostle

- Paul is not Judas' replacement, Matthias was; therefore he is not one of the 12 or the 13th apostle as if he preached the same message
 - i. Acts 2, 3; 1 Cor. 15
 - ii. Holy Spirit confirmed
 - iii. Regulations (Paul did not meet)

2) **Message**

- Did Paul preach the same message as the 12?
 - Galatians 1, 2; Matt. 3, 10 (message & gospel being preached)
 - Luke 18:31-34 (Cross)
 - Acts 2

- **Prophecy & Mystery**