

Lesson 4: But Now

Introduction:

- God is Eternal
 - Author of time
 - Ordained time to carry out His purpose in Christ
 - God's purpose in Christ is to reconcile all things unto Himself
 - Reconcile because of sin
 - Use man to reign with Him in heaven and earth
- Time Past
 - The unfolding of God's plan to reconcile the earth using man and a particular nation, the nation of Israel
 - Breakdown of God's plan with Israel understood by two primary ways:
 1. Leviticus 26 - the 5 Courses of Punishment, and
 2. Daniel 9 - Daniel's 70 weeks or 490 years.

Preview:

- Left last lesson posing the question, with Daniel's timeline in view, what has happened?
 - The time is up
 - We are not in the kingdom
 - We are not in eternity future
- "But Now"
 - Paul's twofold ministry
 - Manifest what was "witnessed" - the righteousness of the Cross
 - Manifest what was "hid/secret" - the fulness of the Cross
 - Understanding a little more about "time past"
 - Circumcision
 - Uncircumcision

Sermon:

"But Now"

Paul's twofold ministry:

1. Manifest what was "witnessed"

- Romans 3:21-26

2. Manifest what was "hid/secret"

- Romans 11:25
- Romans 16:25-27

Understanding a little more about "time past"

Romans 9:22-24

- **{Romans 9:22} What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:**
 - {Romans 2:4} Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?
- Endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction
 - Matthew 3:1-2 - "kingdom at hand" (wrath at hand)
 - :7 - "...wrath to come"
 - :10
 - Luke 13:1-9 - "one year"
 - Acts 7:51-56
 - "standing"
 - Acts 2:33-36
 - Ps. 2, 16, (110)
- Instead endured manifest through Paul
 - 2 Cor. 5:18-19
 - 1 Tim. 1:12-17
- Remember, time past
 - Romans 15:8-12
 - Matt. 15:21-28
 - Not yet, fulfilled (fulness - Rom. 11:11-12)

 - Circumcision and uncircumcision
 - Ephesians 2:11-18
 - "time past" - Gentiles through Israel's rise (not fulfilled)
 - "but now" - Gentiles through Israel's fall (not fulfilled)
- Eternal Purpose
 - Ephesians 2:19-22
 - "the household of God"
 - "all the building"
 - Ephesians 3:15
 - "whole family"
 - Ephesians 1:19-22
 - Col. 1:14-20

Conclusion:

- Look at how these things will come together
 - Gathering together with the Lord in the air
 - New heaven & new earth