

A. II Timothy 2:15

1. [rightly dividing the Word of truth.] It is saying to **cut** the divisions in the Bible calls for dividing one part from another part correctly.
Example: Israel vs. Body; Law vs. Grace; and Prophecy vs. Mystery.
2. God's programs are different at different times as seen with Adam and Eve; Noah; Babel and Abraham; Moses and Law; Israel's captivity and eventual rejection of Messiah - Kingdom; and then Paul's new Mystery Program (**T**oday!).
3. God's programs have changed from time to time. To help us understand these changes, He challenges us to learn how to rightly divide the dispensations so we can **cor**rectly interpret the scripture.

B. Consider if the following is for today:

1. Exodus 31:15 - Six days may work be done; but in the seventh *is* the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth *any* work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death.
2. Leviticus 4:27-28 - And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, while he doeth *some what against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things* which ought not to be done, and be guilty; Lev. 4:28 - Or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned.
3. Leviticus 11:7-8 - And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; he *is* unclean to you. Lev. 11:8 - Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they *are* unclean to you.
4. Psalms 51:11 - Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
5. Genesis 17:11 - And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.
6. Matthew 6:10 - Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.
7. Matthew 6:14-15 - For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: Matt. 6:15 - But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.
8. Matthew 10:5-6 - These 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: Matt. 10:6 - But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
9. Matthew 15:24 - But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
10. Matthew 24:13-15 - But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. Matt. 24:14 - And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Matt. 24:15 - When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)

11. Matthew 24:37-41 - But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Matt. 24:38 - For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, Matt. 24:39 - And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Matt. 24:40 - Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Matt. 24:41 - Two *women shall be* grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
12. Matthew 25:31-34, 41 - When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: Matt. 25:32 - And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: Matt. 25:33 - And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Matt. 25:34 - Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: Matt. 25:41 - Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:
13. Acts 1:3, 6 - To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: Acts 1:6 - When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?
14. Acts 2:14-17, 19-20 - But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: Acts 2:15 - For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third hour of the day. Acts 2:16 - But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; Acts 2:17 - And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: Acts 2:19 - And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: Acts 2:20 - The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:
15. Acts 2:38 - Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.
16. Acts 3:19-21 - Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; Acts 3:20 - And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Acts 3:21 - Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.
17. Acts 4:32, 34-35 - And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. Acts 4:34 - Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, Acts 4:35 - And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

Note: **None** of these verses are specifically to us believers today, because a change in how God deals with man is different today. Yes, there are godly principles and applications of spiritual **tru**th we can use, but specifically, they are to Israel.

C. How Do We Reconcile These Seemingly Contradictions?

1. Was the cross shameful or glorious? (Acts 3:13-15, Galatians 6:14)
2. Did the 12 understand the gospel or not? (Luke 18:31-34, Galatians 1:8, 11-12)
3. How is sin forgiven? (John 20:23, Colossians 2:13)
4. Is forgiveness conditional or not? (Matthew 6:14-15, Ephesians 4:32)
5. Are we sent to baptize or not? (Mark 16:15-16, I Corinthians 1:17)
6. How many baptisms are there today? (Matthew 3:11, Ephesians 4:5, I Corinthians 12:13)
7. Who is the master builder..Peter or Paul? (Matthew 16:16-19, I Corinthians 3:10)
8. Was Paul the last or the first apostle? (I Corinthians 15:8, I Timothy 1:16)
9. Are we under the Law or not? (Matthew 5:19, 19:16-17, Romans 6:14)
10. Is there punishment for not giving (tithing)? (Malachi 3:8-10, II Corinthians 9:7)
11. Are we secure in Christ or dependent on our behavior? (Hebrews 10:26-27, II Timothy 2:13)
12. Are Jews and Gentiles distinct between them? (Matthew 15:26, Galatians 3:28)
13. What was prepared before/since the world began? (Matthew 25:34, Ephesians 1:3-4)
14. Do we need to confess sins to get forgiveness? (I John 1:9, Colossians 1:13, Ephesians 4:32)
15. Do we get anything we ask in prayer? (Matthew 21:22, II Corinthians 12:8-9, Ephesians 3:20)

* | We can reconcile these just by identifying who is speaking, to whom, and under what dispensational
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