

# CHART: THROUGH THE BIBLE

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## 1. Introduction

- a. There is confusion about God, the Bible, religion, truth, etc. How do we know
- b. Acts 17:22-23 – Paul was preaching against superstitious ignorant worship and devotions to God.
- c. Alabama was called the most Biblically literate cuz they named the four gospels.
- d. We moved beyond confusion to straight out ignorance and apathy.
- e. There is confusion about God, the Bible, religion, truth, etc. You are here bc of truth.
- f. Why is there confusion? Truth is mixed with something else. Contradiction.
  - i. Let's try starting with what we know, not what we don't.

## 2. Starting With What We Know – Through the Bible

- a. What is the church?
  - i. It is of Jesus Christ – it is called his body – Christ is the head – Eph 1:22.
  - ii. Our communion is the blood and body of Christ - 1 Cor 10:16
  - iii. Made of all people – Jew or Gentile – 1 Cor 12:13, Gal 3:28
  - iv. All who believe the gospel – Rom 1:16, 1 Cor 1:18, 1 Cor 15:1-4, Rom 5:8
  - v. Our mission – preach the gospel of God's grace and love in Christ to the world
  - vi. Our destiny – Eph 2:6-7, Phil 3:20, 1 Cor 15:29 – bear image of the heavenly
- b. What is in the Bible? Divide it into its parts... it becomes a timeline.
  - i. Law | Psalms | Prophets | MMLJ | Acts | Paul | Hebrew apostles | Revelation
- c. What do we know from each section?
  - i. Creation - Law = 10 command, Psalms = Proverbs, David, music. Prophets = promises and warnings. MMLJ = Jesus; Acts = Holy Ghost; Paul = doctrine; Hebrew = more doctrine?; Revelation = end times/future.
- d. When we start digging deeper – Ask, what is God doing, what does he want from us?
  - i. Law = temple, priests, sacrifices, clean/unclean, circumcision
  - ii. Psalms = for Israel – Ps 147:19-20?
  - iii. Prophets = Isaiah 2:2, 65:15, 20-22 – Zech 8:23 Israel – sacrifice - temple
  - iv. Revelation = Rev 19:11-16, 21:1-2, 9-12 – Israel again? On the earth?
  - v. Hebrew apostles – Hebrews, James 1:1, James 2:10-12, 2:14...
  - vi. MMLJ – James says what Jesus said – Matt 15:24, Matt 5:17-19, 23:1-2
    1. Jesus said – Luke 24:44 – law, psalms, and prophets
    2. Zechariah – Luke 1:68-70 → Matthew 3:10-11
  - vii. Acts → 1:6-8, 2:46, 10:14, 10:28, 11:19 → Acts 2:16, 3:21, 24
  - viii. Where is the church? Where is what we are doing?
- e. What happened? Acts 9:15, Paul was given a dispensation – Eph 3:1-6, Rom 16:25
  - i. In this revelation includes the gospel of our salvation, the body of Christ, the preaching of the cross, the description of how Israel /Gentile is no more – Rom 11:25, Eph 2:15
- f. The key to understanding the Bible:
  - i. First, open it up and read it.
  - ii. Secondly, acknowledge and see the fellowship in Christ which is the fellowship of the mystery not known before
  - iii. Acts 17:30-31 – times of this ignorance, but now..., he will judge the world
  - iv. This will prevent you from stealing what God gave to others, and prevent confusion about the Bible.