

HOW TO MAKE MEN SEE

LESSONS IN COMMUNICATING TRUTH

“And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ”

~ Ephesians 3:9

1. Making Men See

- a. It is the commission most churches do not know exists – Eph 3:9, 2 Cor 5:18-21
- b. That “making men see the mystery” does not sound familiar is the problem – 1 Cor 4:1
- c. There is chronic confusion in Christianity, b/c they cannot see this
- d. If they cannot see, then they are blind, frustrated, perhaps lost? Eph 4:17-18
- e. Our job is that of eye doctors (Gal 2:20, 6:14) making men see

2. How to Make All Men See

- a. The goal: to make men see; don't have to agree, believe, smile, say something new
- b. 1) Learn it - You can't make men see it, if you don't know what it is.
 - i. The mystery of Christ is the body of Christ, created by the power of the gospel of Christ, who receives inheritance of all things through Christ – Eph 3:6.
- c. 2) Learn to teach it – Different than you learning it – 2 Tim 2:2, 2:24-26
 - i. Compare and contrast verses is the best way: show the contradictions, and wait.
 - ii. Contradictions are not mistakes. They help us discern.
 - iii. Compare and contrast shows progressive revelation – God's instructions change.
 1. Start with the gospel – 1 Cor 15:1-4 is not known in Mt 16:21-23, Mk 9:32
 2. The cross is missing in their ministry → Luke 9:1-6, Luke 18:31-34
 3. Perplexed about the empty tomb → Mk 16:5-11, Lk 24:1-14, Jn 20:2,7-9
 - iv. Other comparisons:
 1. God's menu changes - Gen 1:29, 9:3, Lev 11:2, Acts 10:14, 1 Tim 4:1-4
 2. Circumcision – Gen 17:11 vs Gal 5:2, 6:15
 3. Holy days – Num 15:32-36, Exo 20:8, 31:15 or Col 2:16, Gal 4:9
 4. How do we work – Prov 6:6-11 or Luke 12:24 or perhaps 2Th 3:10,12
 5. To study or not to study – 1John 2:7 (Lk 12:11-12, 21:15) or 2 Ti 2:15
 6. Salvation by works or not – Acts 2:38, James 2:24 or Rom 4:5, Titus 3:5
 7. How many baptisms? 3 in 1 verse Mat 3:11, or Eph 4:5
 8. Justified by the law? Deu 6:25 vs. Gal 2:16;
 9. The Holy Spirit stay or leave? Ps 51:11 or Eph 4:30;
 10. Peace or division? Luke 2:14 and Luke 12:51
- d. 3) Be patient – Continue growing in 1 Tim 2:4 – Col 1:11, Rom 5:3-4, Titus 2:2
 - i. Take baby steps. Give time to chew and digest. The light will need to be dim first.

3. What Blinds People

- a. The deception of false tradition, teachers, tickling ears, gut feelings ← 2 Cor 4:4
- b. The desire for paychecks, power, popularity, people, peace, keeping the status quo
- c. The distraction of movies/music, material things, ministry work
- d. With an open Bible and a brain, it can be seen. It may require your open mouth–Eph 6:19