

CHART: CONSIDER WHAT I SAY

THE LORD GIVES UNDERSTANDING TO PAUL

"Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things."

~ 2 Timothy 2:7

1. The Bible Can Be Hard to Understand

- a. *Why is the Bible out of date? Why did 1st c miracles stop? What is God doing? Where is his kingdom? Why does he allow sin to continue? Where is the promise of his coming? How do I get salvation? How do I know his power? Where do I begin?*
- b. A lack of understanding the Bible is attributed to a lack of considering what Paul said

2. Things Paul Says

- a. Paul says a dispensation was given him - Eph 3:1, Col 1:25-27
- b. "*last of all*" - 1 Cor 15:8; "*as a pattern*" - 1 Tim 1:16; "*consider what I say*" - 2Ti 2:7
- c. Why is the Bible out of date? Most speaks about Israel's past or future; Paul last of all
- d. Why did the 1st c. miracles stop? Jesus came preaching a kingdom which never came - Rom 11:26-27, but to Paul...

3. Jesus acc. to prophecy vs. mystery:

- a. Minister of circumcision - Rom 15:8 | uncircumcision - Rom 15:16, Eph 2:16-17
- b. He was the sacrificial Lamb - Isa 53:7, Rev | Now as Lord of glory - Rom 8:36-37
- c. The Messiah would rescue the nation | Now he is the Saviour of all men 1Ti 4:10
- d. Prophesied prophet, priest, and king - Heb 8:22 | Head of all things - Col 1:18-19
- e. Judge of the earth - Gen 18:25 | Judge angels over all - Col 1:16

- 4. What is God doing? Building a new creature, body of Christ, glory/preaching the cross
- 5. Why does he allow sin to continue? A dispensation of the grace of God - Eph 2:8-9, 3:1
- 6. Where is the promise of his coming? Hear Peter defer to Paul - 2 Peter 3:4
- 7. How do I get salvation? You can only get it through the mystery of Christ - 1Cor 1:18, Rom 3
- 8. How do I know his power? The power of the gospel in Christ - Rom 1:16, 2 Tim 3:5, Phi 3
- 9. Where do I begin? Start with Romans - Start with Paul - Start with salvation. 2 Cor 5:16

10. MMLJ and Paul Concerning Christ

- a. In every epistle he calls himself a servant or apostle of Jesus Christ.
- b. Paul mentions "Lord Jesus Christ" 4x more, Jesus Christ 3x more, grace 3x
- c. Paul elevates Jesus above himself - Rom 16:27, Eph 3:14, Phi 2:9-11, Col 1:18
- d. The deity of Christ is most clear in Paul's epistles, salvation, resurrection, etc.
- e. He knew more about Christ than them all - Gal 2:6-7, 2 Cor 5:16, 11:6
- f. The mystery of Christ is found in Paul's epistles alone.
- g. Paul speaks to the fulness of Christ in you - Eph 1:10, 1:23, 3:19, 4:13