

PAUL AND UNIVERSALISM

RIGHTLY DIVIDING UNIVERSALISM'S PAULINE PROOFS

*"For as in Adam all die,
even so in Christ shall all be made alive."*

~ 1 Corinthians 15:22

1. Paul and Universalism

- a. Universalism would not exist without Paul's writings. (+ John's love)
- b. Mid-Acts dispensational right division would not exist w/o Paul's writings.
- c. Paul is the apostle of grace, sent with salvation to all, for all, Christ in all
- d. Paul reveals salvation, mysteries, a dispensation, God's will - Eph 6:19
- e. Some universalists chart out eons (time periods) using dispensational justification
- f. *All universalism is a failure to understand Paul; a failure to rightly divide.*

2. Proofs from Paul

- a. Does Paul teach universalism? *Main universalist proof texts:*
- b. Romans 5:18-19 - All mankind will be justified
- c. 1 Corinthians 15:22-28 - All mankind will be made alive
- d. 1 Timothy 4:9-11 - All mankind will be saved
- e. Colossians 1:20 - All mankind will be reconciled

3. Getting Paul Right

- a. Rightly dividing the word of truth requires getting Paul right.
- b. 2 Tim 2:15 instruction to rightly divide followed by shunning certain errors - 2:16-19
- c. 1 Cor 15:22-23 - Life is found being in Christ - 2 Cor 5:17, death is destroyed
 - i. 1 Cor 15:2, 11, 16-17 - Salvation (in Christ) after true faith
- d. Romans 5:18-19 - As in Adam ... so in Christ, not all mankind is in Christ.
 - i. Romans 1:16, 3:26, 4:6, 5:1 - Justification upon all that believe (faith)
 - ii. Rom 5:17, 20-21 - Grace reigns now, this disp. grace will end then judgment
- e. 1 Tim 4:8-11 - There is only one Saviour, Christ as Saviour is today - 1Ti 6:15
 - i. 1 Tim 4:8 - Grace now is not the same as grace later
 - ii. All are shown grace today for salvation, all that believe are saved
 - iii. 1 Tim 2:4-6 - All men = kings, authorities, which is not all mankind
- f. Col 1:4 - He speaks to believers, all things refers to the positions of power - 1:16

4. Hope in Christ

- a. There are some that will not inherit the kingdom of God - 1 Cor 6:9-11
- b. There are those that perish without Christ - 1 Cor 1:18
- c. There are those that have no hope without Christ - 1 Thess 4:13
- d. The Lord Jesus Christ is our hope - Col 1:27, Titus 2:13, and all who believe.