



“Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth ”



## BIBLE CONFERENCE

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### WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED

#### INTRODUCTION:

The title of this Bible Conference is: “Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth.” The purpose of this Conference is to present very important and fundamental divisions in the Holy Scriptures for the edification of the saint and, if needed, the salvation of the sinner. The theme verse for the conference is:

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

The Apostle Paul told Timothy to study the scriptures to “shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed.” But Paul told Timothy not only to study the scriptures, but also to “rightly divide the word of truth.” Below are listed a few scriptures in which the word divide or dividing is used:

Genesis 1:3-4 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God **divided** the light from the darkness.

Gen 1:5-7 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it **divide** the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and **divided** the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so.

Gen 1:16-18 And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to **divide** the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good.

From these verses we can see that God uses the word “divide” to mean separate. Below are a few more verses that illustrate this definition further:

Gen 10:5 By these were the isles of the Gentiles **divided** in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

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Gen 32:7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he **divided** the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;

Josh. 19:49 When they had made an end of **dividing** the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them:

Josh. 19:51 These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, **divided** for an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

Isa. 63:12 That led them by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm, **dividing** the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

Dan. 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the **dividing** of time.

So we see from these scriptures that if we are to “rightly divide” the word of truth we must study to find where the scriptures show separations. Where there are divisions in the scriptures we should look for differences.

In this conference I will show several very important scriptural divisions. These divisions will be based from the perspective of the scriptures. The topics discussed in the next few days are not an all inclusive list of the divisions found in the Bible, but are the ones which are basic to the study of the Bible, basic to understanding God’s plan to redeem mankind and to living a victorious Christian life.

## **WHAT WILL BE DISCUSSED:**

### **Lesson 1: The History of Mankind From A Biblical Viewpoint**

In this lesson, I will show that the Biblical history of mankind has several major divisions, often called “dispensations.” In each division, man is given the opportunity, afforded by God’s grace, to prove himself worthy of the blessings of God. I will show that in each division or dispensation, man fails God’s test and ends up under the judgment of God. I will also show how God’s dealing with mankind has been consistent since the time of Adam and Eve. I will show that obedience to God brings blessing, but disobedience to God always brings a curse.

**Lesson 2: The Differences Between The Jew, The Gentile, and the Church:**

In this lesson, I will show the differences between the Jew, the Gentile, and the Church. Each group has its own purpose in God's plan. "Rightly dividing" the Bible with respect to doctrine, practical application, and prophecy is impossible without taking the differences in these three groups into account.

**Lesson 3: The Differences Between Law and Grace:**

In this lesson, I will talk about one of the most important divisions in the Holy Scriptures, the difference between Law and Grace. Law and Grace are direct opposites. For example, the Law brings a curse whereas Grace brings mercy and salvation. The Law can only make you a "sinner." Grace can only make you a "saint." Misunderstanding the differences between Law and Grace has led to all kinds of false religions and teachings.

**Lesson 4: The Differences Between Being Lost and Being Saved:**

In this lesson, I will describe the great differences between those that are "lost" and those that are "saved." You will learn that there is nothing good about being "lost." In addition, you will learn that salvation is not a process but a state of being. A person that is "saved" is made a member of the body of Christ and is called a "son of God." The destiny of the lost is Hell, the destiny of the saved is Heaven.

**Lesson 5: The Two Natures Of the Saved:**

This lesson is about the two natures of the saved. All mankind is born with a sinful nature. This sinful nature in scripture is called the "natural man." When a person "gets saved," there is a second nature given to that person that is perfect and holy. This new nature is "spiritual." You will see in this lesson both the old "natural man" and his nature and the new "spiritual man" and his nature strive within a saved person for preeminence.

**Lesson 6: The Standing and State of the Saved:**

In this final lesson, I point out the differences between the "standing" and "state" of those that are saved in this age. The standing of the saved is based on the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ. The state of the saved is based their Christian walk and their fellowship with God. This has been one of the most misunderstood divisions in the Bible since the time of Christ.

## **CONCLUSION:**

In summary, the theme of this Bible Conference is: “Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth.” The purpose of this Conference is to present very important and fundamental divisions in the scriptures for the edification of the saint and the salvation of the sinner.

## **RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY:**

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