

# HOW TO MAKE MEN SEE \_ II

## LESSONS IN COMMUNICATING MYSTERY 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. How to Make All Men See

- a. 1) **Learn it.** You can't make others see what you don't. If you don't: read, study, ask
  - i. Often the emphasis is on 'fellowship', when it should be on 'mystery'
  - ii. Fellowship does not refer to what we do (verb), nor how we treat one another
  - iii. Our fellowship refers to what we have with God, it is our position – 1 Cor 1:9
  - iv. Fellowship ~*def.* Partnership, joint interest, communion, companionship.
  - v. There has always been 'God's people', but not always acc. to the *mystery*
  - vi. The mystery fellowship is the new creature, the body of Christ – Eph 3:6, 5:30-32
- vii. Why make them see this?** ... because of 1 Tim 2:4, 2 Tim 1:10-11
  1. Salvation is only in the body of Christ
  2. God's will was a mystery, but now is revealed and can be understood
  3. Your identity/position/calling: it explains who God made you to be
- b. 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. Compare and contrast shows progressive revelation – God's instructions change.
  - iii. Other comparisons:
    1. To study or not to study – 1John 2:7 (Lk 12:11-12, 21:15) or 2 Ti 2:15
    2. God's menu changes - Gen 1:29, 9:3, Lev 11:2, Acts 10:14, 1 Tim 4:1-4
    3. Circumcision – Gen 17:11 vs Gal 5:2, 6:15
    4. How many baptisms? 3 in 1 verse Mat 3:11, or Eph 4:5
    5. Holy days – Num 15:32-36, Exo 20:8, 31:15 or Col 2:16, Gal 4:9-11
    6. Sell all or provide for our family? Mark 10:17-22 vs 1 Tim 5:8
    7. Tithing / money – Lev 27:30-32, Deu 14:22-26, or 2 Cor 9:7
    8. Justified by the law? Deu 6:25 vs. Gal 2:16
    9. Salvation by works or not – Acts 2:38, James 2:24 or Rom 4:5, Titus 3:5
    10. The Holy Spirit stay or leave? Ps 51:11 or Eph 4:30, 1 Cor 3:16
    11. Peace or division? Luke 2:14 and Luke 12:51
    12. When was it prepared? Matt 25:34 vs. 1 Cor 2:7
- c. 3) **Be patient** – Continue growing in 1 Tim 2:4 – Col 1:11, Rom 5:3-4, Titus 2:2
  - i. Patience is what makes one faithful – 1 Cor 4:1-2
  - ii. Take baby steps. Give time to chew and digest. The light will need to be dim first.

### 2. 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 – Eph 4:18
- d. With an open Bible and a brain, it can be seen. It may require your open mouth–Eph 6:19