

HOW TO MAKE MEN SEE - III

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. The mystery fellowship is the new creature, the body of Christ – Eph 3:6, 5:30-32
 - ii. **Why make them see this?** ... because of 1 Tim 2:4
 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**
 - i. Compare and contrast is the best way: show the contradictions, and wait.
 - ii. It shows God's instructions change. We must learn how, when, why.
 1. Law (Works) | Grace of Christ
 2. Covenants | Cross of Christ
 3. Israel | Body of Christ
 4. Prophecy | Mystery of Christ
 - iii. More verse comparisons to contrast ...
 1. Image of God or image of Adam – Gen 1:26 and Gen 5:3 (Rom 5:12)
 2. Plowshares or swords? - Joel 3:10, Micah 4:3
 3. Peace or division? Luke 2:14 and Luke 12:51
 4. Have you robbed God? – Mal 3:8 or 2 Cor 9:7
 5. Circumcision: is it necessary? – Gen 17:14 vs Gal 5:2, 6:15
 6. Will the Holy Spirit stay or leave? Ps 51:11 or Eph 4:30, 1 Cor 3:16
 7. Justified by the law? Deu 6:25 vs. Gal 2:16
 8. Are we under the law? Matt 5:19 and Rom 6:14, 7:4
 9. Conditional or unconditional forgiveness? – Matt 6:14-15 and Eph 4:32
 10. Salvation with works or not – Acts 2:38, James 2:24 or Rom 4:5, Titus 3:5
 11. What about healing? Mt 10:8, Mk 16:18, Acts 12:2 and Gal 4:13, 2Ti 4:20
 12. Has the end come? Matt 24:14, Mark 16:15, Rev 5:13 and Col 1:23
 13. 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. The worst reason people don't see is that people do not open their mouths - Eph 6:19