

1 Corinthians 40 – 15:3-5

According to the Scriptures

1. 15:3-4 – The Death, Burial, and Resurrection

- a. Gospel: Christ died, for our sins, buried, rose again, *according to the scriptures*.
- b. People think these four words mean Paul had nothing new about Christ.
 - i. Although he frequently says otherwise: Eph 3:9, Col 1:26, Gal 1:1, 1Cor 2:6
- c. The teaching of death, burial, and resurrection is not exclusive to Paul's ministry
- d. This is the foundation upon which Paul built: Rom 16:25, 1 Cor 3:11, 2:2
- e. This is not all Paul taught:
 - i. The DBR of Christ would accomplish the fulfillment of prophecy, but also
 - ii. The mystery of Christ was what was secretly accomplished by the DBR
 - iii. The fall of Israel bringing salvation to Gentiles, by grace, apart from the law, to form a new heavenly creature and ministry – Eph 1:11

2. Paul Used the Scriptures to Teach Mystery

- a. All scriptures are profitable and are used (even by Paul) – 2 Tim 3:15, Rom 15:4
- b. The mystery is not prophecy, but it doesn't deny scriptures: Rom 3:31, 9:6, 11:25
- c. We need to understand all scriptures for the context: Eph 3:6, Gal 3:24, 1 Th 1:10
- d. The mystery does not contend with prophecy: Gal 2:6-9, 3:17
- e. "witnessed by the law and the prophets" - Rom 3:21, 1:2, 16:26
- f. Paul reasoned with them out of the scriptures - Acts 17:2-3

3. According to the Scriptures

- a. From this phrase people think Paul taught what Jesus taught in Luke 24:44-53
- b. 1) The DBR must not be spiritualized, denied, or obfuscated e.g. liberal Christian
- c. 2) What Paul wrote was called scripture – 1 Cor 14:37, 1 Thess 2:13, 2 Pet 3:16
 - i. The gospel must be understood according to Paul – 1 Cor 9:17, 2 Tim 2:8
 - ii. There is more than one gospel in the scripture – Gal 2:7, Gal 1:8 / Rev 14:6
- d. 3) Jesus talked of his DBR in MMLJ - Matt 16:13-21, Matt 12:39-40, John 2:19
 - i. But they were ignorant of what it meant! Luke 18:31-34, Mark 9:31-32
 - ii. They preached another gospel – Mark 1:14; Matt 9:35, 10:5; Luke 8:1, 9:2
- e. 4) Peter taught the fulfillment of prophetic scriptures – 1 Pet 1:3,11,13
 - i. The murderous death, and resurrection at Pentecost – Acts 2:22-24
 - ii. The DBR was not presented as gospel – Acts 2:38, 3:14-15, Heb 2:3-4
- f. 5) Prophecy foretold the DBR, but **not** the mystery that would result from it
 - i. Psa 16:10 and Acts 13:34-35; Paul preaching resurrection from prophecy
 - ii. Isaiah 53 is the oft quotes passage, but it is to Israel and is not the mystery
- g. Cor 15:5-8 The scriptures take precedent over eyewitnesses, but both are valuable
 - i. Peter's gospel of the kingdom in fulfillment of the scriptures: 2Pet 1:11,16
 - ii. Paul taught the mystery of Christ according to the scriptures: 1Tim 1:3,11

Paul's Use of All Scripture

Paul used all scripture to teach aspects of the mystery of Christ. Whereas prophecy pointed to an earthly fulfillment, Paul pointed to a mystery.

Topic: Adam and Eve

Scriptures → Dominion on the earth

Paul → the entrance of sin, foreshadows the second Adam(1 Cor 15)

Topic: Abraham

Scriptures → The start of a nation

Paul → Justification by faith (Rom 4)

Topic: Moses and the law

Scriptures → The oracles of God; separate from the nations

Paul → schoolmaster to bring us to Christ (Gal 3)

Topic: Prophecy, God's wrath

Scriptures → A covenant people purged before the glorious kingdom

Paul → The fall of Israel bringing light to the Gentiles, deliverance from wrath (Rom 11)

Topic: Kingdom

Scriptures → Fulfillment of prophecy to Israel, a current economy

Paul → A future promise, the fullness of times (Eph 1)

Topic: Cross of Christ

Scriptures → The one-time sacrifice of a Messiah to propitiate the wrath of God and to usher in the New Testament kingdom

Paul → The power of God and identification with his Son to receive forgiveness by grace - (Romans 3-8)

Topic: Jesus Christ

Scriptures → The messiah and promised king to Israel, the Son of God

Paul → The head of the church, the all in all, the Son of God (Ephesians and Colossians)