

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning

our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore Thee

Casting down their golden crowns

around the glassy sea

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee

Which wert, and art and evermore shalt be

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name

in earth, and sky, and sea

Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Permanent Answers to Transition Period Questions (Pt. 10)

The Armor of Light (Pt. 2)

Rom. 13:11-14; Eph. 6:10-20

THE TRANSITION PERIOD (CIRCA 35 TO 64 AD) (Also called Acts Period)

Paul
Wrote
Romans
60 AD

Transition
Period
Over by Col. 1
Circa 64 AD



**Peter
And
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God's Prophetic Program
With the Nation of Israel:
DIMINISHING

Night of Israel's
Prophecy under
Gentile Darkness is
Far Spent. Rom. 13

Israel's
Prophetic
Program
Set Aside

God's Mystery Program
With the Body of Christ:
INCREASING

Salvation
Is nearer.
Day is at
Hand.
Rom. 13

Body of
Christ
Salvation
And Day
Are here

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Understanding the Transition (Acts) Period helps us to understand our Bibles:

1. Understanding knowledge:
 - a. Transition Period: Gnosis (partial knowledge)
 - b. After Transition Period: Epignosis (full knowledge)
2. Understanding Baptism:
 - a. Transition Period: 3 baptisms:
 - b. After Transition Period: One baptism—The Spirit baptizing believers into Christ (Eph. 4:5).
3. Understanding the sign gifts to Israel.
 - a. Transition Period, even Paul exercised in context of going to the Jews first ministry.
 - b. After Transition Period: Israel's Program completely ceased so these gifts were no longer needed.

THE ARMOR OF LIGHT (Rom. 13:12; Eph. 6:10-18)

1. The “whole” armor of Light was not delineated in full detail until Eph./Col (1 Thess. 5:8; Rom. 13:12; 2 Cor. 6:7; Eph. 6:10-18) when PGMAT had been completely revealed (Col. 1:25), after the Transition Period, and occurs in the context of the full-knowledge of the Mystery Program for Body of Christ to re-establish His Glory in the Heavens (Eph. 3:1-10 w/6:19-20)
2. Putting on the armor of God begins with standing fast in His mighty power *in the Lord* (Eph.6:10) and ends with praying without ceasing *in the Spirit* (6:18).
3. The armor of Light is Pauline Grace Mystery Truth (PGMAT), the source of God’s Light to the world, esp., the Gentiles, today (Rom. 12:1-3; Acts 13:47).

4. The whole armor of God is based on PGMT, which consists of two major doctrinal categories:
 - a. Romans Truth—Revelation of the Righteousness of God fullness of faith and love.
 - b. Ephesian's Truth—Fullness of salvation in Heavenly Hope as revealed in the FULL-KNOWLEDGE of the Mystery
5. This is the only truth that can enable us to stand firm in God's Good Plan for today, withstanding the deceptions of the devil and the present evil day (Eph. 6:11, 13; Rom. 16:20).
6. God's play book of PGMT is the only truth that can do this because our battle is in the spiritual realm, which tries to get us to play according to some other play book, esp., God's play book of Israel's Prophetic Program, throwing us off course.

7. We don't battle flesh and blood—God's human enemies on earth. We proclaim reconciliation as revealed in Pauline Grace Mystery Truth to them. Operating in accord with what God is doing today, we do not bring vengeance, wrath and judgment on God's enemies. We preach Paul's Gospel to them, showering them with the riches of His Grace and Peace. Operating in accord with God today, we don't destroy God's enemies we proclaim God's salvation to them. Satan's attacks to steer us away from this ministry of reconciliation to God's enemies
 - a. To operate in any other way is to not operate according to God and is to fall prey to the wiles of the devil while thinking we are really doing God's will—Crusades.
 - b. That is why Paul requests prayer for boldness to proclaim PGMT, and not be led astray from that.

8. The wiles of the devil are to deceive us to operate apart from God and His good plan for today as revealed in PGMT, esp. deceptive is his attacks to get us to go to His play book for Israel's Prophetic Program rather than staying with the Body of Christ's Mystery Program.

9. Standing fast in the Lord, praying without ceasing in the Spirit, putting on the full armor of God, protects us from getting mad, seeking vengeance and attacking God's enemies, strengthening us to instead boldly proclaim God's Riches of Grace as revealed in PGMT to His enemies.

10. Satan's attacks come by:

- a. Getting believers to follow Israel's or the world's play book rather than the Body of Christ's play book, through which Satan keeps unbelievers from getting saved or silencing believers by keeping them away from God's plan for today as revealed in PGMT.
- b. Getting believers to think that suffering adversity, enemy attack and ridicule means God has withdrawn His blessings and love thereby silencing them with defeat, despair, discouragement.

11. The main attack mode of Satan's is to get believers to live by sight rather than faith, by the flesh rather than by the Spirit.

- a. By sight: Battles flesh and blood through our own power in the flesh.
- b. By Faith: Spiritual battles through the Lord's power in the S/spirit, bringing the message of reconciliation to flesh and blood.

12. As Rom. 13:11-14 is the capstone summary of Romans truth, Eph. 6:10-20 is the capstone summary of all PGMT of Romans and Ephesians. The first 3 pieces of armor are supplied especially from Romans Truth. The next 3 pieces especially from Ephesians Truth. Together this is Pauline Grace Mystery Truth (PGMT)—God's body of Truth for today.

13. Believers are to wrap themselves in, "gird" themselves with truth—God's Body of Truth for today; PGMT--so that nothing slows them down or trips them up, causing them to stumble (Eph. 6:19).

14. Having done that, they could put on the breastplate of Righteousness an especial truth of Romans:

- a. The Righteousness of God of God in saving ungodly sinners on enemy status before Him based on the Cross of Christ, which is now being revealed and manifested through Paul's distinct apostleship (Rom. 3-5).
- b. This protects the inner person, **the heart**, which was re-created by the Holy Spirit overflowing it with the Agape Love that this Righteousness demonstrates (Rom. 5:5-10).

15. In doing this, they will put on the right shoes: The shoes of the preparation of Paul's Gospel, the Good News of the Death and Resurrection of Christ for His enemies, which constrains them to do likewise through the Gospel of Peace and Reconciliation for the world (Rom. 5:1-11; 2 Cor. 5:18-20).

16. With this Roman's Truths in place, it is now time for believers to take up the shield of THE Faith in the full-knowledge of PGMT that the Book of Ephesians provides.

- a. Romans explained that God is now manifesting His Righteousness in saving His enemies because He has no friends (Rom. 3-5), which sets the basis for our service to Him. Romans explained God created a new People, the Body of Christ, which He needed because He began a new Program, His Mystery Program, but that still left one question unanswered: Why did God need a new program?
- b. Ephesians answers that question. He needed a new Program because He had a new Purpose, His Heavenly Purpose whereby He would re-establish His Glory in the Heavens through a group of redeemed humanity, something He had kept secret (Eph. 1-3).

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou Art!

HOW GREAT THOU ART

And when I think, that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died, to take away my sin!

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou Art!

HOW GREAT THOU ART

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou Art!