



Down at the cross where my Savior died Down where for cleansing from sin I cried There to my heart was the blood applied Glory to His name!

I am so wondrously saved from sin
Jesus so sweetly abides within
There at the cross where He took me in
Glory to His name!

Oh, precious fountain that saves from sin I am so glad I have entered in There Jesus saves and keeps me clean Glory to His name!

Come to this fountain so rich and sweet Cast thy poor soul at the Savior's feet Plunge in today and be made complete Glory to His name!

## Overview of Ephesians

Pt. 2

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

Peter And The

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

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

Paul Wrote Romans 60 AD



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

**Salvation** 

Is nearer.

Day is at

**Rom. 13** 

Hand.

Body of
Christ
Salvation
And Day
Are here

Transition
Period
Over by Col. 1
Circa 64 AD



Israel's Prophetic Program Set Aside



# POST-TRANSITION PERIOD EPISTLES THE LAST 2,000 YEARS

### The Only Apostle: PAUL

God's Light and Salvation has now completely gone out to the whole world through Paul and His Scriptures (Acts 13:47 with Col. 1:23-28; Rom. 16:26).

Eph. 4:3-6: The whole Triune Godhead is now working in and through PGMT: One Body, One Spirit, One Hope, One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One God and Father!

- 1. Overview of Ephesians:
  - a THE COUNCILS OF GOD AND HIS PURPOSE IN THIS MYSTERY PROGRAM—SONSHIP POSITION (1:1-14)
    - b PRAYER AND GOD'S POWER TOWARD US (ON THE OUTSIDE) THAT COMES FROM FULL-KNOWLEDGE OF THE MYSTERY (1:15-19)
      - c WHAT GOD DID WITH CHRIST (1:20-23)
      - c WHAT GOD DID WITH INDIVIDUAL SINNERS (2:1-10)
      - c WHAT GOD DID WITH THE BODY OF CHRIST (2:11-22)

- a' GOD'S DISPENSATION AND THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY GIVEN TO PAUL IS TO BE MADE KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLE (3:1-12)
  - b' PRAYER AND GOD'S POWER IN US (3:13-21)
    - c WHAT GOD DID THROUGH THE SPIRIT (4:1-6)
    - c WHAT GOD DID WITH INDIVIDUAL BELIEVERS (4:7-12a)
    - c WHAT GOD DID FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST (4:12b-16)

- a" GOD'S WALK GIVEN TO THE BELEIVER TO SAVE THE LOST AND EDIFY BELIEVERS (4:17-6:9)
  - c THE WALK IN CHRIST (4:17-29)
  - c THE WALK IN THE SPIRIT (4:30-32)
  - c THE WALK AS CHILDREN OF GOD THE FATHER (5:1-6:9)

- a" GOD'S PROVISION OF ARMOR TO STAY FIRM IN BOLDLY SPEAKING THE MYSTERY (6:10-24)
  - b"PRAYER FOR PERSEVERENCE IN THE BOLD PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL (6:18-20).
    - c. PAUL'S WALK IN CHRIST (6:21-24)

- 2. Maturity occurs when a young person goes from thinking the whole world revolves around them to recognizing that it doesn't.
  - --Ephesians is difficult for most and perhaps can't even be heard by many because most of historic Christianity has kept them in immaturity, teaching them that getting saved was their way of getting God involved in their business plans.
  - --Ephesians explains how getting saved gets them involved in His things.
  - --Historic Christianity teaches that God's whole plan and purpose and the message of the whole bible centers on man and his redemption. In Eph. God and Paul explain that no, everything is centered on God and His Glory.
  - --As long as we are convinced of the former, we will not appreciate the latter.

- 3. The challenge Ephesians presents is: are you going to follow Paul in truth, who is following Christ, who leads to God the Father and involves us in His infinitely great and eternal business in taking down the satanic realm both on earth and in the heavenlies?
  - --Or, are you going to continue to follow the lie of much of Christianity that tells you that you should be getting God involved in your own finite and temporal business?

- 4. Eph. 1:1: Having just left Romans, we don't need to go into great detail about our Apostle, the Apostle Paul. He is God's only Apostle for today.
  - a. In Romans we learned that today God is manifesting the Righteousness of God in saving HIS ENEMIES through the Crosswork of Christ. Therefore, this Righteousness couldn't be manifested, revealed, fully explained until after the Cross and it had to be revealed by an enemy of Christ—Saul, Christ's arch-enemy, was saved and made our Apostle Paul (Rom. 3:21-25). The OT can witness to but not manifest this.
  - b. In Ephesians we learn that God's whole Mystery Program was revealed to Paul through a DIRECT revelation from the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. Everyone else learns it when they read Paul's Scriptures taught it by the Holy Spirit (Eph. 3:1-5; Rom. 16:26). The OT can not even witness to this.

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