

**PAUL'S DISTINCT APOSTLESHIP
AND
CORONAVIRUS**

CALM AND HOPE DURING TIMES OF FEAR AND DESPAIR

- 1. Wrongly dividing God's Word results in wrongly understanding what He is doing today which always leads to uncertainty, fear, anxiety, despair, panic.**
- 2. Rightly dividing God's Word results in correctly understanding what God is doing today which always leads to patient endurance, comfort, hope, joy. (Rom. 15:1-16)**
- 3. Thomas Paine talked about "these times that try men's souls." They are trying because they show the inadequacy of the idols people use to remove God from their thinking (Rom. 1:18-32).**
- 4. But they also may for some open a door to hearing about and receiving God's Truth.**
- 5. And it is for just such times as these, that Grace Believers, those who rightly divide the Scriptures and appreciate Paul's distinct apostleship and, therefore, have some understanding of what God is doing today, are made for.**

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6. God could have raptured us up to Heaven when He saved us, but instead He left us down here on enemy territory in this sin-cursed world under adversity where Sin, Death and Satan reign, as His Ambassadors of Grace, Peace, Love, Mercy and Hope. (2 Cor. 5:18-21)

7. Question #1: Is this crisis the result of God being merciful to some but not to others?
--this question leads to an even bigger more foundational question:
What Is God Really Doing Today?

8. One of the most fundamental words for what God is doing today is MERCY.
 - a. Ps. 31:9-16 or Rom. 11:28-32?
 - b. Today, through Paul's distinct Apostleship, God has gathered ALL His enemies together under sin in unbelief *so that* He might be merciful to ALL--young and old, Jew and Gentile, rich and poor, religious and unreligious. (Also 1 Tim. 2:1-4)
 - c. Mercy: God isn't giving the world what it deserves: His Wrath and Judgment unto Destruction.
 - d. Grace: God is giving the world what it DOESN'T deserve: His Grace and Peace unto Salvation.

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- 9. Question #2: Is this God's Judgment of the nations in fulfillment of prophecy?
--Does this fulfill prophecy--Rev. 11:6. Is this one of those plagues?**

- 10. When we appreciate Paul's distinct apostleship through the Scriptures rightly divided:
 - a. We recognize that today God has set aside the Nation of Israel's Prophetic Program (temporarily), which had been spoken about by the prophets since the world began (Acts 3:21-26).**
 - b. And that He is now operating in accord with the Body of Christ's Mystery Program, which had been kept secret since the world began. (Rom. 11:25-36)****

- 11. Question #3: Is this God's Judgment and Wrath against those who have broken the Mosaic Law?
 - a. Deut. 7:15 says that if the Israelites do what is right in the sight of God, He will not put the diseases of Egypt upon them.**
 - b. Can we take God's reference to the Israelites and just replace it with our reference to the world? Can we replace God's reference to the diseases of Egypt with our reference to the diseases of China? Is that handling God's Word properly?****

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- 12. Of course, the answer is a resounding NO!**
 - a. We don't use the Bible correctly by following historic Christianity's Bible study method in deleting God's meaning and then inserting our own meaning—spiritualize/trivialize/nullify.**
 - b. We use the Bible correctly when we follow God's and Paul's Bible study method: Rightly-Dividing/Maximizing/Reviving.**

- 13. In addition, the Law was only given to one nation, the Nation of Israel. (Deut. 4:7-8; Ps. 147:19-20)**
 - a. Since no nation besides Israel is under the Law, therefore, they cannot be under its curses.**
 - b. Since the Body of Christ is not under the Law but under Grace, it cannot be under the Law's curses (Rom. 6:14)**

- 14. Eph. 2:1-8: Today God is dispensing the riches of His Mercy, Love, Grace and Kindness to His enemies, saving them by Grace thru Faith so that they can be displayers of His Glory forevermore.**