



Get "To Whom" Correct!

I love this verse:

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. (Romans 15:4)

But, the meaning of it *often rings dead on scholarly ears.*

Christianity is a people cut out of time. It is an administration of people who have never before been and will never again be.

Christianity is the way of The Father with His children. It is not a religion even though there is a lot of man-made religion in



Christianity. *God didn't put it there: man did.*

Christians were called by God from before the foundations of the world, and are a most special, and select people. Christianity started shortly after Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, and it ends abruptly when Jesus Christ gathers all Christians together at the gathering together.

Verse four above refers to an aforetime, a time before the day of Pentecost. Why is this so important and why do I love this

verse so much? Because it marks out what parts of the Bible are to be applied literally in the Christian walk, and what parts are supposed to be learned, but not applied as doctrine.

The Old Testament was written aforetime (before the day of Pentecost), but how many teachers tell Christians that they should be following its doctrine? Even the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, were written before the day of Pentecost, yet how many biblical scholars teach them as if they were Christian doctrine? It's really scary.

There is a greater rule though, one that supercedes understanding that the aforetime scriptures are not

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supposed to be taught as Christian doctrine. The greater rule is that *different parts of the Bible are addressed to different groups of people*, and if you mess this up, you’ll forever be confused.

If you think the Old Testament is written TO Christians, and then attempt to apply the nearly 1000 laws, you’ll finally just walk away, realizing the sheer impossibility of doing so. If you think the book of Revelations is written to Christians, and believe that you are or will be going through the wrath taught therein, you’ll want to walk away, but for a different reason – *fear*. My point is, until you understand “to whom” addressed, you risk misunderstanding the Bible simply because you are reading and trying to apply parts that have nothing to do with you because you are people living in a different Biblical time!

Take the tithe as an example. The

tithe is an Old Testament teaching, meant for Old Testament believers. If you’ve done your homework, you will know that *the tithe is never taught as Christian doctrine in any Christian book of the Bible!* That’s right. Yet, most Christian churches teach the tithe as a mainstream Christian doctrine. It is not and never was intended to be. See my book, *The Grace of Giving*, for more details on this wonderful subject.

Take the coming wrath as an example. *The wrath is something bound to the “revelation” time period, and Christians will NEVER have to endure it.* Yet, many biblical teachers are determined to convince well-meaning Christians that they will have to endure it. The seven Church Epistles, Romans through Thessalonians, are Christianity’s Bible Books. The rest are great,

and a lot can be learned from them, but these seven are the ones where God imparts Christian doctrine, Christian reproof, and Christian correction. If and when you find parallel information in other parts of the Bible, it may be used. But, when and where you find non-parallel information in other parts of the Bible that contradicts Christian doctrine, it may not be used. This is the most difficult thing for a Christian to accept.

Let’s look at the wrath for a few minutes.

Will or will not the Christian have to endure the coming wrath?

The book of Romans contains foundational Christian doctrine. It is a great place to start to understand what the Bible really says about Christians and the wrath.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we
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were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. (Romans 5:8-10)

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We could stop right here and say, “thus saith the Lord.” After all, God’s Word doesn’t lie, but I’ll give you a few more verses from different parts of the Church Epistles.

Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things’ sake the wrath

of God cometh on the children of disobedience: (Colossians 3:5-6)

Christians are not the children of disobedience. They are the children of obedience! This means, you will never see God’s wrath used against you.

And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come. (1 Thessalonians 1:10)

Here, we learn that Jesus Christ delivered (the text says “delivers”) us from the coming wrath. If he delivers us, then he delivers us. You can’t add in your special understanding and say that we will have to go through the wrath.

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, (1 Thessalonians 5:9)

Once you are a Christian, you are a child of God. You are appointed to God’s family, something that can never be undone. ***As a Christian, you are NEVER appointed to wrath!***

So, when you jump into the book of Revelations, and read a verse like this:

For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? (Revelation 6:17)

You simply can’t try and apply it to you – no matter how much you want to.

If you get “to whom” addressed correct, you’ll finally see an end to the confusion others bring into your life by teaching you things that have nothing to do with Christianity.

Christians are a select group of

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people, with a select cause, calling and purpose. Christianity has never been before the day of Pentecost, and will never be after the gathering together. This is man’s only chance to become a Christian. *Once Jesus Christ gathers God’s Christian family together, they will forever be with Christ.* Christians must get “to whom” addressed understood and completely straight in their minds. Then when they read this favorite verse of Romans 15:4, they too, will not only understand the time periods it is referring to, but they will also realize a greater rule, that different parts of the Bible are written to different peoples. Only the seven Church Epistles are written to Christians for doctrine, reproof and correction. Start believing it!

Much love in Christ,

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