



Is Paul Welcome?



“Loud enough to wake the dead”

1. **Samuel**, 1 Sm.28
2. **Moses**, Lk.16:29, 31
3. **Abel**, Hb.11:4
4. **Peter**, 2 Pt.1:12-15
5. **Paul**, 1 Co.4:17

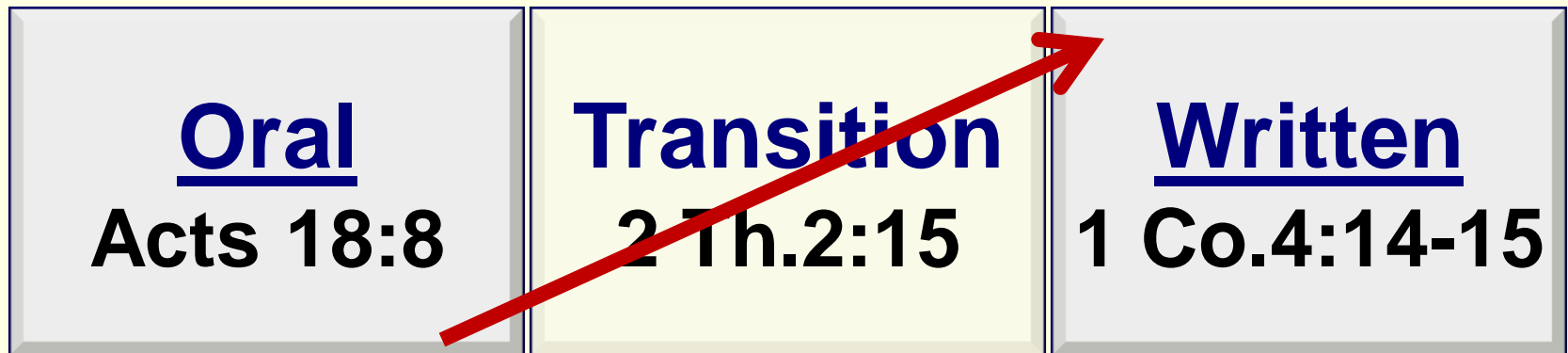
I. My Ways In Christ

- **16, imitate me:** more than the sincerest form of flattery (15, children)
 - **My ways:** “*My Christian directives* (i.e., instructions, teachings)” – BDAG
 - **Be imitators** (pres. imper.): **command to follow Paul’s examples.** Ph.3:17; 4:9
- **17, for this reason**
 - **Timothy:** remind them . . . implies they forgot (11:20 . . . 23)
- **17, in Christ.** Cf. 11:1

II. I Teach

Paul's teaching is consistent (1 Tim.1:3)

Doctrine determines conduct



- **Oral** can change with circumstances
- **Written** is locked in. Ga.2; Ac.15

III. Everywhere

- Timeless, consistent, universal.
 - Does not please men (Ga.1:10).
- NT is not the product of –

Society

1 Co.1:20-23;
6:9-11

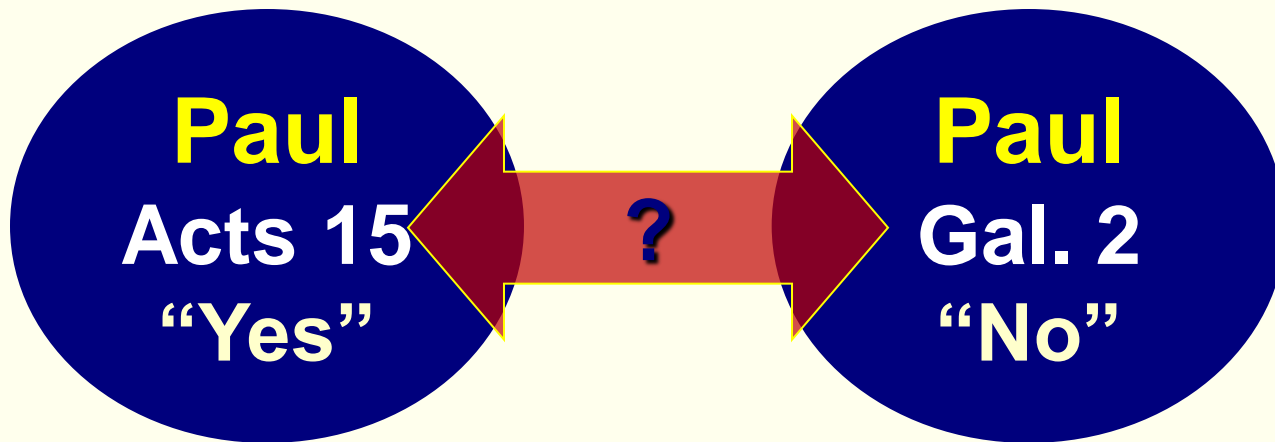
Denominations

1 Co.1:10, none
allowed

- Baptist = Methodist doctrines?

IV. In Every Church

- 1 Co.7:17; 11:16; 14:33-36
 - 1 Co.4:6
- Acts 2:42 – one body of doctrine





Denominational Inconsistency

- **Mitchell Chapel Church of the Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas**
- **Independent Holiness Christian Sunrising Spiritual Baptist Church**
- **Antioch and Knight's Chapel Freewill Christian Baptist Church of Christ**
- **Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit-Presbyterian-Baptists**



I. My Ways In Christ

II. I Teach

III. Everywhere

IV. In Every Church

**V. Would Modern Churches
Welcome Paul?**



Baptist Church

- God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Bible, Morals...
- Paul's sermon: **purpose of baptism**
 - Lord, Mk.16:16
 - Peter, Ac.2:38; 1 Pt.3:21
 - Paul himself, Ga.3:26-27
- Lk.16; Hb.4:12



Methodist Church

- God, Christ, Holy Spirit...
- Sermon: **action of baptism**
 - Quotes Luke, Ac.8:36-38
 - Quotes himself, Ro.6:3-4
- Lk.16

Seventh Day Adventist Church

- God, Christ, Holy Spirit, morals...
- Sermon: **old covenant passed away**
 - Quotes Luke, Ac.20:7
 - Quotes himself, 1 Co.16:1-2;
Col.2:14-17
- Lk.16

First Christian Church

- God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Bible, Morals...
- Sermon: **worship**

Quotes Ep.5:19; Col.3:16

Speaking	Psalms	Singing/	To
	...	Making melody	Lord
		in heart	
Teaching/	Psalms	Singing w.	To
Admonish.	...	grace in hearts	Lord

“One piano won’t condemn anyone...”

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Speaking

Psalms

Singing

What if:
“Playing”?

What if:
“Harp”?
“Piano”?

Teaching/
Admonish.

Psalms

Singing w.

To

... grace in hearts

Lord

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Church Of Christ

Right on many / some things

- Sermon: **sufficient church.** Ep.3:10-11



- Sermon: **sufficient gospel.** Ro.1:16
 - ☐ Church recreation; XMAS parties...
 - ☐ “How do you know they didn’t...?”

Noah – pine?

Feeling or faith?

- Sermon: **MDR.** Mt.19:9.
 - ☐ Lk.16

Summary

- 15: their father through gospel
- 16: imitate him
- 17: how?

**Teach apostles' doctrine
everywhere (Ac.2:42)**