

1. What Is the Subject of Acts Chapter Two?

2. What Is the Subject of 1 Corinthians 11:1-16?

3. What Is the Subject of Paul's Letter to the Churches in Galatia?

4. What Is the Subject of 1 Corinthians 14:26-40?

5. What Is the Subject of Colossians 3:16 and Ephesians 5:19?

6. What Is the Subject of 1 Corinthians Chapters 1 through Chapter 4:7?

7. What Is the Subject of Colossians 2:8-23?

Answer / Explanation

STOP! Before you read my answers, please write your own answers to the questions to the left. In this way you will learn best.

Now, why I have asked you these questions? It is because we easily get confused between **the main subject** of a passage and **the points or illustrations** related to it. And therefore, we can misinterpret, misapply, or misteach it. We can fail to understand the overall meaning and purpose of it [By the way, I have done this!]. And so we can misunderstand and misteach the will of God. Instead we can teach our own will. We can fail to discern a theme of a passage. We can fail to understand why a passage was written. We can place **more importance** on a point or illustration in a passage than on the subject of a passage. We can make a point or an illustration the main subject of the passage. We can teach the points over the subject. We can hypocritically take a verse out of its context, out of its setting, or remove it from its governing principle or thought, and therefore it becomes a loose cannon, if you will, we become a loose cannon. For example, consider my answers to the questions.

Q1. The [main] subject is Not how people were added to the church. It is Not the start or the beginning of the The Christian Age (*please see my tract on The Church or the Christ?*). The subject is Not the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as the Pentecostal church teaches and emphasizes. The subject is salvation, for example, **"And with many other words he [Peter] solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, 'Be saved from this perverse generation!' So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls" (Ac 2:40, 41).** The subject was salvation through Christ, and therefore they were added to the number of those being saved.

Q2. The subject is Not hair, coverings, harlotry, angels, etc. These are all points or illustrations within the subject, within the context. The subject is who is the head of whom and how to honor, respect, and acknowledge your head. For example, during worship, a man must take off his head covering and a woman must put on one. The subject is **headship authority**, according to the apostle of Christ. For example, Paul said, **"But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ" (1 Cor 11:3).** To be "head of" something is to be the authority, the leader.

Q3. The subject is Not about keeping or requiring religious laws or commandments, even Christian ones. The subject is Not about "Legalism" (*see my tract on A Very Important Vocabulary Lesson for Christians*). The subject is that we cannot be saved by keeping Moses' Law. For example, **"You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified [made right] by law [referring to Moses' Law, like circumcision / see vs.3]; you have fallen from grace" (Gal 5:4).**

Note: A man once said to me, "If we have to be baptized, then Christ died for nothing". Evidently, he was referring to this verse in the book of Galatians: **"If righteousness comes through the Law [i.e. The Law of Moses], then Christ died needlessly" (Gal 2:21).** Do you see how he misapplied this verse in his statement about Christian baptism? He used it to cancel out a commandment of Christ! This is because he obviously did not understand the main subject of this book. He seems to think that the meaning and purpose of it is to cancel out adherence to religious laws, even Christ's laws and commandments, like baptism. He misapplied a point in the book because he did not understand the subject of the book.

Q4. The subject is Not that the gifts of the Holy Spirit still exist or no longer exist. The subject is the regulation of the gifts during a worship service. For example, tongues are forbidden, women must keep silent, two or three people are to speak (the word of God), Etc.

Note: For a complete study on the gifts, see my three part Bible Study on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Q5. The subject is Not singing with or without instrumental accompaniment. The subject is singing spiritual songs for edification (Christian or Christ-like songs) as opposed to sensual songs (worldly, irreligious, irreverent, etc.). For example, **"teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Col 3:16).** Psalms and hymns are spiritual songs.

Note: To understand the difference between a spiritual song and a sensual song, please see my Bible Study on True vs. False Worship for Christians Who Want Recognized by the Father, Not Ignored. For so called "Acappella" singing, see my tract on A Very Important Vocabulary Lesson for Christians.

Q6. The subject is showing partiality towards names and how it is divisive. For example, some were saying, **"I am of Paul" and "I am of Apollos" (1 Cor 1:12).** We are not to name ourselves or our churches after men!

Note: For a complete teaching on this, see my Bible Study on True vs. False Worship.

Q7. The subject is Not about Christ canceling all religious laws and commandments or the keeping of commandments or being "Legalistic". The subject is twofold: (1) That we are not to keep the traditions of men (**vs. 8**), and (2) That Christ canceled the Old Testament Law of Moses (**vs. 14**). And therefore, we do not have to keep or teach or enforce that specific Law, rule, or part of the Scripture, such as the Sabbath(s), food laws, festivals, etc. (**vs. 16, 17**).

Note: There are more examples of how we can misinterpret a passage of Scripture. I have written about some of them in the following tracts: "Plates & Cups or Body & Blood?" and "The Church or The Christ?". There are more passages of Scripture we could study to determine the main subject from the points. For example, Jesus and the lawyer discussed the supreme subject of the Law of Moses, the Old Testament (Lk 10:25-37). There are other main subjects in the Old Testament (See Gal 3:24). What is the subject of 1 Timothy (Read 3:14, 15)? What is the subject of 1 Peter (See 5:12)? What is the subject of the Bible? Etc.

Now, What Is the Point of This Lesson? It is to help you to understand the difference between the subject and the points or illustrations of a passage of Scripture. And thereby you will be able to more easily interpret it properly. Examine your understanding of a passage! Jesus said, **"You fools and blind men! Which is more important, the gold or the temple that sanctified the gold?" (Mt 23:17).** Brethren, do not be foolish! Which is more important? The subject of a passage or its points and illustrations? **First** understand what is most important in a passage, and then **second**, place the supreme importance on it, while at the same time learning or teaching the points related to it. What is the subject of a passage? **In Jesus' name, Rick David, an Evangelist.**

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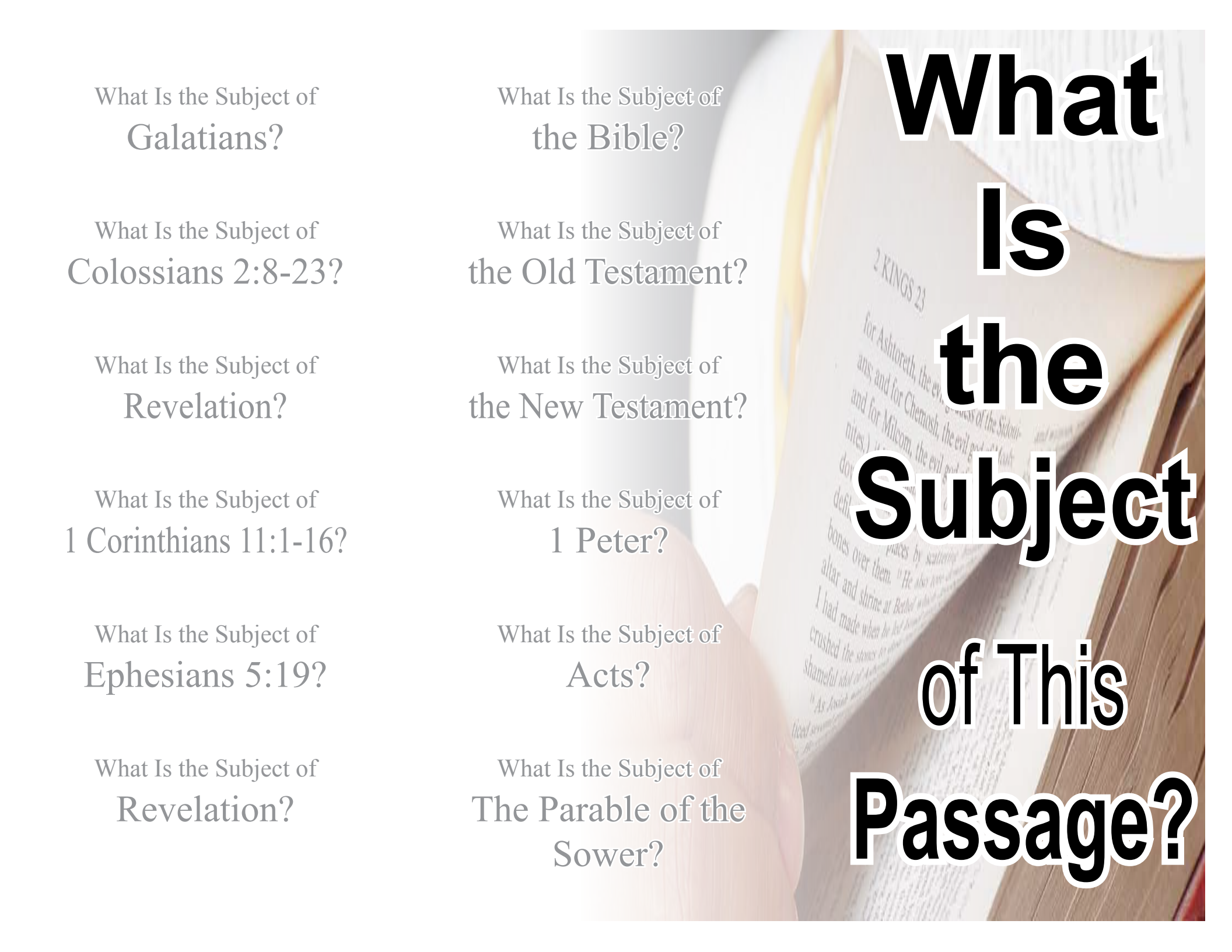
What Is the Subject of the Old Testament?

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What Is the Subject of 1 Peter?

What Is the Subject of Acts?

What Is the Subject of The Parable of the Sower?

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