January 22, 2017 (Week 16) **Divisions and Principles**

The Studies of the Book of Daniel and the Gospel of Mark

"The Man Who Fits No Formula / Faith And Action"

Mark 2:13 - 3:6

Division 1: Prior sin and failure are no hindrance to God using us for His Kingdom.

Mark 2:13-17 Sec 54, 55 (Harmony of the Gospels)

(Additional passages: Luke 5:27-32; Matthew 9:9-13; John 3:16-20)

Principle #1*: Don't be so protective of your "good" reputation that you fear to associate with and show compassion to the despised and morally fallen in our midst.*

Division 2: The Kingdom of Heaven represents the New Covenant - new wine that cannot be put into old wineskins.

Mark 2:18-22 Sec 56 (Harmony of the Gospels)

(Additional Passage: Luke 5:33-39; Matthew 9:14-17; Romans 6:3-9; Romans 7:1-6)

Principle #2*: The old garment or wineskin is Pharisaic Judiasm; a rigorous adherence to Mosaic Law. Jesus perfectly fulfills the Mosaic Law for us, freeing those in Christ from rituals, sacrifices, and ceremonies in order to do other works of mercy and love.*

Division 3: Man's fallen nature leads him to create legalistic solutions to the problem of sin, but God offers redemption that gives man rest.

Mark 2:23 - 3:22 Sec 60, 61 (Harmony of the Gospels)

(Additional Passage: Luke 6:1-11; Matthew 12:1-14; Micah 6:6-8; 1 Peter 4:12-13)

Principle #3*: God does not need man's religion. What God requires of us is to follow Him. By obeying God and doing good works, we will offend religious legalists and wicked people alike!*

(for additional notes)