

Dispensationalism

Topic	DISPENSATIONALISM	COVENANTALISM
Hermanuetics	Strictly literal AMOS 9	The "Analogy of Faith" - Scripture Interprets Scripture ACTS 15
Israel	OT Alone, NT Alone GAL 6:16* The biological descendants of Jacob Destined to rule the earth - Heaven is for the Church	NT explains OT or the believers Heaven is for everyone who believes on Christ GAL 3:29 ROM 2:28;9:6
The Church	Began at Pentecost ACTS 1 Not mentioned in OT prophecy Clearly distinguished from OT Israel "The unforeseen Great Parenthesis"	Began with Adam and Eve. Mentioned all over the place Not so easily separated ACTS 7:38 "The bride of Christ"
Covenant	Ordinary contracts which do not align well with the Dispensations Mount Sinai should've been rejected	Part of the Great Cord: Kingdom, Covenant, Mediator They had no choice! HEB 11
History	Many dispensations OT saving-faith different from NT No Spirit in the OT None after the Rapture Mosaic Law only for the past, specifically, the Jews The Law is ended, now that there is Grace (thank goodness!) The Sermon on the Mount is for the Millenium "The Kingdom" equals The Millenium David will rule from Jerusalem	Progressive revelation Only one saving-faith: in Jesus Christ No being a believer without the Spirit GEN 41:38 Pentateuch contains Civil, Ceremonial and Moral The Law 1) Restrains Sin 2) Leads to Christ 3) Teaches Righteousness Expands the 10 Commandments but has always been the meaning intended The Kingdom is now and not yet Christ reigns now REV 1:6

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Extrinsic Worth



QUOTES

OLD TESTAMENT C. H. SPURGEON

"We have even heard it asserted that those who lived before the coming of Christ do not belong to the church of God! We never know what we shall hear next, and perhaps it is a mercy that these absurdities are revealed one at a time, in order that we may be able to endure their stupidity without dying of amazement"

10 COMMANDMENTS D. G. BARNHOUSE

"It was a tragic hour when the Reformation churches wrote the Ten Commandments into their creeds and catechisms and sought to bring Gentile believers into bondage to Jewish law, which was never intended either for the Gentile nations or for the church."

GOD FAILED ROD DECKER

If God does not fulfill the promises of the new covenant with Israel exactly as he promised and as the prophet understood God's promise, the God has failed.

How does anything produce a result in actuality?

Why do the Covenants Work?

When Adam was in the Garden, he was promised Eternal Life for obedience to the Law (Romans 7:10). Adam's actions carry weight beyond what the Genesis texts describe. The key text for the Covenant of Works is Romans 5. Adam functioned as a Federal Head for all of his posterity. Christ came as a New Adam. He fulfilled the Covenant of Works and is the surety of the Covenant of Grace. But, had he not Fallen, could Adam have obligated God?



If you walk into a store and present a \$100 dollar bill, you are entitled to \$100 worth of goods. But if you take that \$100 dollar bill and soak it back into pulp and ink, is it still worthy anything? Does it still have legal status? No! You have violated the agreement to count that worthless piece of paper as valuable.

We are all in Sin: we are conceived and born into it (Psalm 51:5). We violated the Covenant of Works in the womb. Coming to God with our own works as righteousness is like attempting to purchase goods in Germany with a 100 Deutsche Mark note. It is no longer

legal currency. The "covenant" has been broken.



A modern origami artist folds one dollar bills into creative shapes. Karl Marx's image on 100DM.

Covenant of Redemption What about Christ?

It's not blasphemous to ask why the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus should be as consequential as the First Man's actions. It is because before all time, the Persons of the Trinity agreed that the Son would submit to the Father, and by the strength of the Spirit save His Elect. Isaiah 53 is the great text of this Covenant. The intimacy of this passage to all Christian, from the Ethiopian eunuch onwards, shows this is not a dry, erudite doctrine. Our election is from all eternity. The love of the Father, the submission of the Son and the efficacy of the Spirit are all revealed more clearly by the study of this truth.

