

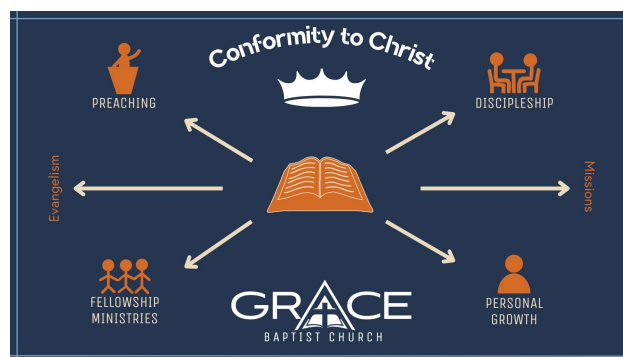
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Class Summary: This lesson is the second focus on dispensationalism and addresses the individual dispensations seen in scripture.

Review:

Since God is and has spoken, His authority shapes our epistemology and governs our hermeneutic as we approach His written Word. When we study His Word we see a progression of His self-disclosure and seek to compile it faithfully in accord with the human agents divinely used to write it down. A

consistent reading and interpretation of the Bible leads one to see the Glory of God as its supreme theme, and distinctions in God's plan for Israel and the Church of Jesus Christ.



What is Dispensationalism?

"Dispensationalism is a biblical framework for understanding God's various dealings with mankind throughout history. Sometimes referred to as a philosophy of history, dispensationalism maintains that God has dealt with humanity on the basis of differing divinely expressed stewardships or administrations also called dispensations. As such, dispensationalists are known for framing their understanding of Scripture around those identifiable elements which serve to distinguish one dispensation from another." James Fazio

"Dispensationalism is a comprehensive and cohesive understanding of the Bible, the product of a consistent literal, grammatical, historical hermeneutic applied to Scripture. It recognizes that in His interactions from eternity past to eternity future, God works in different administrations, economies, stewardships, or dispensations. It is not a hermeneutic, an eschatology, or a theological construct." Dr. Christopher Cone

What is a Dispensation?

"A dispensation is an administration of a household, whereby a steward is appointed to manage his master's goods in order to yield a surplus, for which he will ultimately be judged according to his faithfulness as a steward." James Fazio

Three examples of stewardship:

1. Genesis 39:1-6 Example of Joseph ruling Potiphar's house
2. Luke 16:1-8 Example of a stewed servant
3. Hebrews 3:1-6 Example of Moses and Christ

The term "Dispensation" comes from the Greek word οἰκονομία (oikonomia) and means a household, an administration, an economy, or a stewardship.

1. Ephesians 1:9-10
2. Ephesians 3:1-10 (Context - Galatians 1:11-2:10)
3. Colossians 1:25-27

"A distinguishable economy in the outworking of God's purpose." C. Ryrie

Summary

"Dispensationalism views the world as a household run by God. In His household-world God is dispensing or administering its affairs according to His own will and in various stages of revelation in the passage of time. These various stages mark off the distinguishably different economies in the outworking of His total purpose, and these different economies constitute the dispensations." - C. Ryrie

The Dispensation of _____



Scripture: _____

- God's revelation/economy: _____

- Human responsibility: _____

- Test for mankind: _____

- The result: _____

- God's provision: _____

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Thinking through dispensationalism critically



Q: How do the covenants relate to the dispensations?

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| • Adamic Covenant | Genesis 1:26-30; 2:26-17; 3:15-19 |
| • Noahic Covenant | Genesis 8:15-9:17 |
| • Abrahamic Covenant | Genesis 12:1-3; 13:14-17; 15:1-21; 17:1-4; 22:15-18 |
| • Mosaic Covenant | Exodus 20 |
| • Land Covenant | Deuteronomy 30:1-10 |
| • Davidic Covenant | 2 Samuel 7:8-16 (Luke 1:32-33) |
| • New Covenant | Jeremiah 31:31-34 |

Q: Does revelation about God and His relationship with man given in one dispensation carry into subsequent dispensations?

Case Study: Forgiveness/Fellowship

Ryrie: Page 65-66 The Matter of "Carryovers"

1. Clearly some promises given in one are not fulfilled in that same economy.
2. Some things instituted in one dispensation continue on throughout subsequent history.
3. Something instituted may be elaborated or changed in subsequent dispensations (though always to be interpreted literally).
4. Even though a dispensation ends, certain commands may be reincorporated into a later era.
5. Some things are completely changed.

Q: How does a dispensational understanding of scripture effect our:

Pulpit ministry?

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Personal Bible study?

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Fellowship ministry?

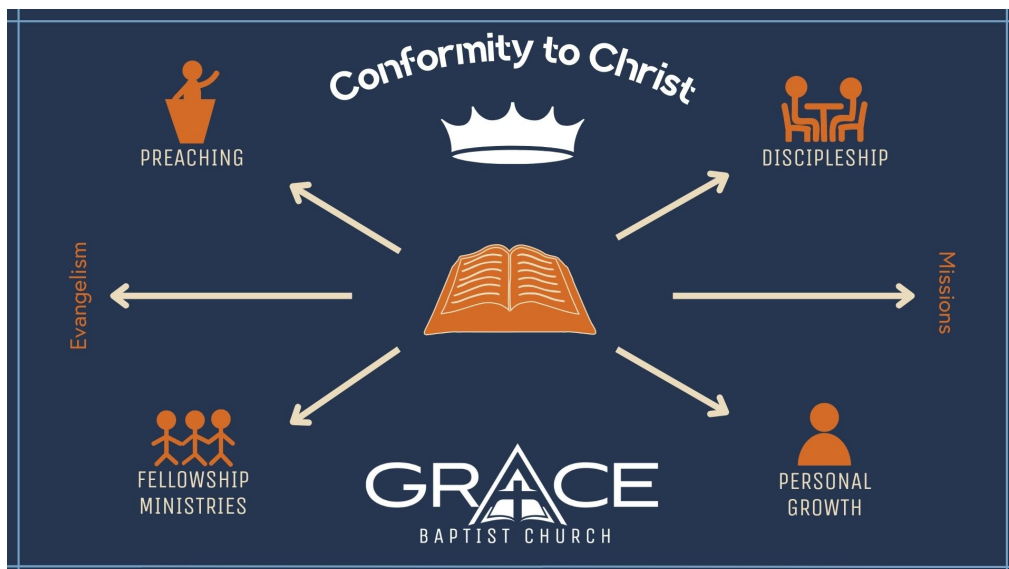
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Evangelism/**M**issions?

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Counseling ministry?

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