

Dispensationalism: The Church in Dispensationalism

Based upon the book: "Dispensationalism" by Charles C. Ryrie

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- The Distinctiveness of the Church
- The Relationships of the Church

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The Distinctiveness of the Church

The Church Has a Distinct Character

- The Body of Christ
 - We are in Him and He is in us
 - Both Jews and Gentiles can be in the church

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The Distinctiveness of the Church

The Church Has a Distinct Time (this age)

1. Proof from the mystery character of the church
2. The church is distinctive to this age because of what Paul has to say about the beginning and completion of the church.
3. The author of the book has an incorrect view of the church and baptism in this point (discuss).

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The Distinctiveness of the Church

The Church Is Distinct From Israel

The Teaching of Covenant Theology on the Distinctiveness of the Church

- "...the saved people of God in all ages may be called the church."
- essentially universal across all ages

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The Distinctiveness of the Church

The Teaching of Reconstructed/Modified/Progressive Dispensationalism on the Distinctiveness of the Church

(modified or clouded the classic, or normative, dispensational distinction between Israel and the church in 4 ways)

1. By introducing different facets to the concept of the church the church in this new view is less distinct.
2. By redefining the concept of the church as a mystery, the church has a less distinctive purpose in God's plan.
3. By abandoning the concept of the church as an intercalation or parenthesis.
4. By a new concept of the meaning of baptism with , or by with Spirit

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The Relationships of the Church

The Relation of the Church to the Kingdom of God

- "As to their persons they are citizens of the kingdom; as to their existence they are the fruit of the message of the kingdom; as to their nature they are the organism of the kingdom; as to their task they are ambassadors of the kingdom."

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The Relation of the Church to Saints of Other Ages

- Generally:
 - Israel as a group has an earthly purpose
 - The Church as an institution has a heavenly purpose
- Individually, all individual people have earthly decisions to make that will have heavenly results.

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The Relation of the Church to the Seed of Abraham

- The church is a seed of Abraham but does not equal Israel
- There are 3 types of seed (pg 138):
 - Natural seed (physical descendants of Abraham)
 - Christ Himself (Gal.3:16)
 - Spiritual seed (those who belong to Christ) (Gal. 3:29)

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The Relation of the Church to Apostasy

- Does the Bible indicate that there will be apostasy in Christendom? (Representing the churches) (pg 140-141)
- What should our attitudes be toward this apostasy?
 - Win them back if possible
 - Mark and avoid them if they will not be won

Salvation in Dispensationalism

Review

- The Charge
 - Its statement and reasons (2 fold)
- The Reply
 - Salvation by grace through faith in all ages
- The Doctrine of Grace
 - Six points about grace under the law
- The Doctrine of Salvation
 - The Covenant Position
 - The Dispensational Position
 - The Purposes of the Sacrifices

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Review

Homework:

- Read the 6th chapter:
 - 3 Questions, 3 observations, 3 Applications
- Writing assignment: Write a paper detailing **salvation by grace through faith** in each dispensation with at least one (1) Scripture reference for your position in each dispensation. (*Midterm exam=50 points) Due next week 2 points off for each week it is late.