

DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY

Lesson 7

GRACE

Description: Begins with the death and resurrection of Christ, it will end with the rapture of the church. During this dispensation, the church will start, the Holy Spirit will come to indwell believers. The gospel spreads slowly from Jerusalem and Jews to transition to anyone including Gentiles.

The main focus is that all the old ruling factors are fulfilled in Jesus. The initial ruling factor was to approach God through blood, Jesus met that requirement.

I John 4:10...satisfactory payment for sin

Hebrews 10:9-14...Jesus blood is sufficient forever, for all

Hebrews 10:19 & 20...Now we can come to God through Jesus blood

Luke 22:19 & 20...the New Covenant, His blood

Hebrews 9:12...through his own blood He...obtained eternal redemption

The ruling factor of righteous living was fulfilled in Jesus:

Matthew 5:17...I came to fulfill the law

Hebrews 4:15...tempted...yet without sin

I Peter 2:21 & 22...who committed no sin

I Peter 1:18 & 19...a lamb unblemished and spotless

II Corinthians 5:21...Him, who knew no sin

I John 3:5...in Him there is no sin

John 8:29...I always do the things that are pleasing to Him

Things have changed. Romans 10:4—Christ is the end of the law for everyone who believes.

Galatians 3:13—Christ has redeemed us from the law.

I. RULING FACTOR--GRACE

a. John 1:17 Law through Moses; Grace & truth through Jesus

b. Romans 6:14...Not under law, but under grace

c. Titus 2:11 & 12 Grace of God has appeared instructing us

II. MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY & FAILURE—to believe; the result of belief is righteousness

- a. John 3:16 whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life
- b. Romans 10:10 & 11 with the heart man believes resulting in salvation
- c. Romans 1:16 Power of God for salvation to everyone who believes
- d. I Timothy 1:15 & 16 For those who would believe in Him have eternal life
- e. Ephesians 1:13 having believed we are sealed
- f. Romans 3:28 We maintain that a man is JUSTIFIED BY FAITH apart from works of the law
- g. II Corinthians 5:21 that we might become the righteousness of God in Him
- h. Romans 10:10 believes, resulting in righteousness
- i. John 3:18 He who does not believe is condemned already
- j. II Timothy 3:1-7 & Romans 1:18-23 consequences of unbelief

Guilty, vile, and helpless we;
Spotless Lamb of God was He;
“Full atonement!” can it be?
Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Phillip Bliss 1875

III. RELATIONSHIP RESTORED WITH GOD

- a. Galatians 4:4 & 5 Adopted as sons

- b. Romans 8:6 Children of God
- c. Hebrews 2:11 Christ calls us his brothers
- d. I Corinthians 6:19 The Holy Spirit lives inside us (God's temple)

IV. JUDGEMENT—Tribulation Revelation 6:15-17

- a. Daniel's 70 week prophesy (Daniel 9:24-26) the church age, the dispensation of grace, is between the 69th & 70th week
- b. Messiah is cut off—killed; rejected as King of the Jews
- c. 70th week is the 7 year tribulation from Revelations
- d. I Thessalonians 4:13-18 the rapture of the church begins the tribulation
- e. The Second Coming of Christ is at the end of the 7 year tribulation

So what about good works? We do **not** do good works to obtain position, we are given that, but because of our position we serve our purpose by doing good works.

Christ gives us POSITION and then we have PURPOSE

Ephesians 2:8 – 10 Created in Christ Jesus for good works...walk in them

Ephesians 5:7 & 8 Formerly darkness, now you are light in the Lord, walk as children of light