

“DISTINGUISHING THE 7 DISPENSATIONS”

I. LAYING THE GROUNDWORK

A. An INTRODUCTION to Dispensational Truth.

1. The word “dispensation” is a _____ word/term. (Colossians 1:25-29)
2. The need to _____ the Word of God is a crucial biblical concept. (2 Timothy 2:15)
3. The recognition that “all the Bible is _____ us, but not all the Bible is _____ us” is an important biblical principle. (2 Timothy 3:16; Romans 6:14)
4. The foundation or basis for a dispensational understanding of the Bible is rooted in the consistent application of the _____, _____, _____, _____ method of interpretation.

B. An EXPLANATION of Dispensational Truth.

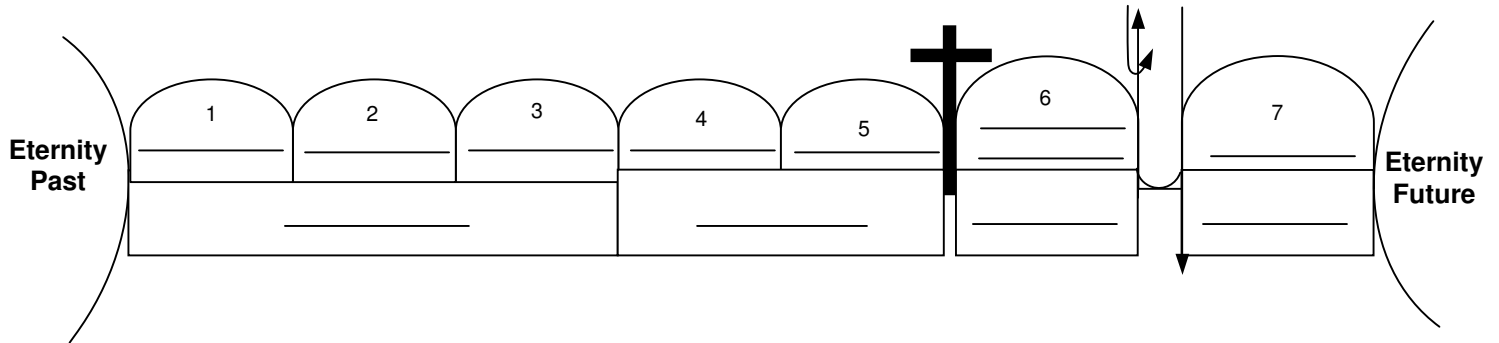
1. The word “dispensation” (oikonomia) literally means _____
_____. (Ephesians 1:8-11)

* “A dispensation is a distinguishable economy in the outworking of God’s purpose.” (Charles Ryrie)

* “A dispensation is a particular way of God administering His rule over the world as He progressively works out His purpose for human history.” (Renald Showers)
2. The features of a “dispensation” include...
 - a. a particular _____ (which oftentimes the dispensation is named after).
 - b. a particular _____ to carry out.
 - c. a particular _____ to respond to.
 - d. a particular _____ to determine man’s obedience.
 - e. a particular _____ allotted to comply.
 - f. a particular _____ by man.
 - g. a particular _____ by God.

* What will all of this point to and prove?

II. DISTINGUISHING THE 7 DISPENSATIONS



* Does a correct dispensational understanding of Scripture teach various ways of salvation during various ages?

* What differences especially distinguish a dispensational understanding of the Scriptures?

* Does an understanding of God's plan of the ages regarding dispensations downplay or disregard the fulfillment of God's past covenants?

* What are the various kinds of dispensational camps today?

* Why is all this important to recognize?