

DISPENSATIONALISM (56)

There are several problems with the interpretation of the Bible with hyper-dispensationalists:

Problem #1 - Paul preached the mystery of the gospel many years before his Roman imprisonment. Rom. 16:25-27

The argument that only prison epistles written after Acts 28 reveal applicable church truth is refuted here.

Problem #2 - Paul taught the church body truth in I Corinthians 12 long before he went to prison.

Problem #3 - Jesus taught about the “I in you and you in Me” doctrine in **John 14:20**. He said they would understand it “in that day.” Before Christ ascended into heaven, He told them that they would be baptized in the Spirit in just a few days (Acts 1:5). This beginning of the “I in you” Spirit baptism was in Acts 2 (Acts 11:15-16). Paul was not even at this baptism and later he would refer to it as being the same baptism they all experienced (I Cor. 12:13).

What this clearly establishes is that the age that featured the Holy Spirit being in the believer began long before Paul was ever in prison and long before the book of Acts ended.

QUESTION #17 – What is Dominion Theology?

We are including this in a study of dispensationalism because it is an odd system that borders on problems with dispensationalism and Galatianism.

Dominion Theology is a form of theological interpretation in regard to the church in contemporary society. This is also known as Christian reconstructionism. It is an odd form of Bible interpretation that believes that Biblical Christianity is supposed to rule over all areas of this world, including government, society, corporate and personal. The way they are to rule over society is by superimposing the O.T. law on the world.

In other words, Christianity is supposed to have dominion (*Dominion Theology*) over the world and the job of the Christian is to preach the gospel and to reconstruct the world in conformity with the O.T. Law of God.

Those who hold to this perspective believe it is the duty of the Christian to create a worldwide kingdom that is patterned after the dispensation of the O.T. law. Those who hold to this, believe that until God’s law dominates the world, Christ will not return. Those who believe this say the job of a Christian is to reconstruct society by a political and religious domination that demands people implement the O.T. moral laws and the punishments that are found in the O.T. law.

This belief system actually stems from Covenant Theology and their distorted covenant of grace that fails to distinguish between groups of people.