Dispensationalism: Ultradispensationalism

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

- The Origin of Ultradispensationalism
- The Types of Ultradispensationalism
- The Definition of Ultradispensationalism
- The Beginning of the Church in Ultradispensationalism
- Errors of Ultradispensationalism

Two reasons to address ultradispensationalism:

- 1. It is necessary to distinguish the mainstream of dispensationalism from ultradispensationalism.
- 2. The charge that ultradispensationalism is only dispensationalism carried to its logical conclusion must be answered.

The Origin of Ultradispensationalism

Ethelbert W. Bullinger (1837-1913) Pg. 198

The Types of Ultradispensationalism

Two types:

- The Extreme Type:
 - Dividing the book of Acts into three sections:
 - Restoration, the period when the kingdom was reoffered to Israel.
 - Reconciliation, the period of Jew and Gentile
 - Rejection of the nation of Israel, which was not actually fulfilled until Acts 28, when Israel was set aside.
- The Moderate Type:
 - They believe that the church began with Paul

The Types of Ultradispensationalism

Comparison of the Two types:

- Points of agreement:
 - The great commission of Matthew and Mark is Jewish and not for the church.
 - The ministry of the Twelve was a continuation of Christ's ministry.
 - The church did not begin with at Pentecost (or before).
 - Water baptism is not for the church age.
 - There is a difference between Paul's early and later ministries.
 - Israel, not the church, is the bride of Christ

The Types of Ultradispensationalism

Comparison of the Two types:

- Points of difference:
 - When did the church begin?

Extreme: Acts 28 Moderate: before Acts 28

How long is the transition period in the book of Acts?

Extreme: until Acts 28 Moderate: until Acts 9 or 13

What is the proper place of the Lord's Supper?

Extreme: no place Moderate: proper to observe in the church

What Scripture is written to the church primarily

Extreme: Prison epistles only Moderate: other Pauline epistles also

The Definition of Ultradispensationalism

"The school of interpretation that places more than one dispensation between Pentecost and the end of the church age."

The Beginning of the Church in Ultradispensationalism

As noted before, both groups of ultradispensationalists believe that the church started after Pentecost.

Errors of Ultradispensationalism

Erroneous Concept of a Dispensation

- A dispensation is a distinguishable economy in the outworking or God's purpose.
- Is something distinguishably different being done since Paul came on the scene that was not being done from Pentecost to the time of Paul?

Errors of Ultradispensationalism

- Erroneous Exegesis of Key Passages
 - Separating a jewish and a body church there are many issues with this.
- Other Passages Concerning the Revelation of the Mystery
- Baptism "in" the Spirit
 - *lots of issues with the writer's perspective on this topic yet there is still a point that the church had to begin on or before pentecost. (we've already discussed why we believe Jesus started His church during His earthly ministry.

Review

- The Origin of Ultradispensationalism
- The Types of Ultradispensationalism
- The Definition of Ultradispensationalism
- The Beginning of the Church in Ultradispensationalism
- Errors of Ultradispensationalism

Progressive Dispensationalism

Review

Homework:

- Read the 11th and 12th chapters:
 - 3 Questions, 3 Observations, 3 Applications
- Prepare for final exam.
- Next week we will review for the final and take the test the following week.