

Issue #7



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Dispensationalism

-With Pastor Kenny Jr.

Questions...

What does the term dispensation mean?

How were people in the Old Testament saved?

Why did Moses have to give sacrifices, but we don't?

Do the promises given to the the Israelites in the OT apply to the Saints in the NT?

If the OT saints did not know about Jesus, then how could they be saved?

Why do Christians in the church keep 9 of the 10 commandments but throw out the 4th (rest on the Sabbath?)





Progressive Revelation
#One

The Bible is a progressive revelation. Old Testament saints were made righteous by placing their faith in the revelation given to them (e.g. Abraham & Gen. 15:1-6).

Although they didn't understand God's full plan, yet their faith in what was revealed to them demonstrated their belief in God's disclosed plan. Then the death and resurrection of Christ was applied to their situation.

The saints of all time have been saved through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for the sin of the world.

1. Progressive Revelation

Progressive Revelation

Below is an illustration of how progressive revelation works...

God's Knowledge

INFINITE

Man's Knowledge (of God)

LIMITED



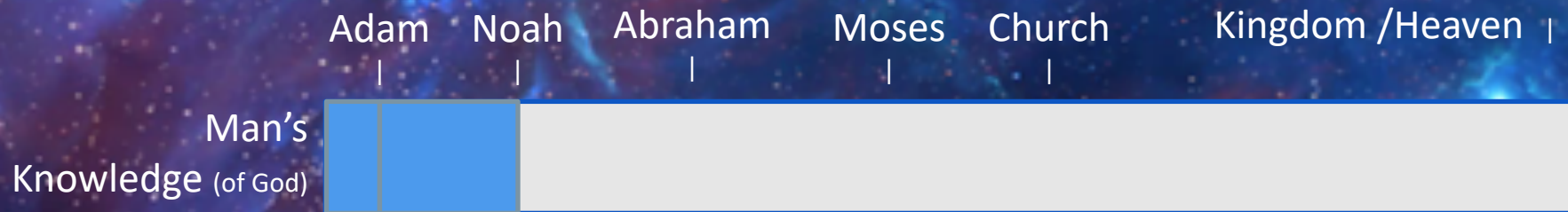
How revelation of God increased over the different stewardships God gave...



Progressive Revelation

Noah was not saved because he knew Jesus Christ (because Jesus had not been revealed yet) but was saved by faith (which was demonstrated in building the ark.)

From God's timeless perspective Noah was ultimately saved through the blood of Christ, from Noah's view he was saved by faith in what God had revealed to Him.



This shows how the Revelation of God has progressed

Progressive Revelation: Noah



Hebrews 11:7

By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

Also Abraham was saved based on placing faith in the limited knowledge he had received...


Progressive Revelation: Noah

Dispensationalism is the belief that God granted different stewardships to men throughout history.

With the giving of new revelation came a responsibility to those stewards to obey the God given revelation

Basic Idea.....

*Gen. 1:3-3:6; 3:7-8:14; 8:15-11:9; 11:10- Ex. 18:27; -
Mat. 27; Acts 2:1-Rev. 19:21; 20:1-15*



The 7 Dispensations
#Two

Scripture

Gen. 1

Gen. 3

Start - End

Creation

**Adam-Eve's sin
(the Fall)**

Responsibilities

Keep Garden

**Do not eat one
fruit**

**Have babies (Fill
the world)**

Subdue Earth

**Fellowship with
God**

Judgments

**Curses
(On men-
woman- earth -
Satan)**

Physical death

Spiritual death

Dispensation #1 Innocence

Scripture

Gen. 3:7

Gen. 8:14

Start - End

After Adam's sin

Noah's flood

Responsibilities

**Do good by
obeying
conscience**

Judgments

Flood

Dispensation #2 Conscience

Scripture

Gen. 8:15

Gen. 11:9

Start - End

**After Noah's
flood**

**The scattering
of Babel**

Responsibilities

**Have babies (Fill
the world)**

**Capital
punishment**

Judgments

**Forced
scattering by
confusion of
languages**

Dispensation #3 Civil Government

Scripture

Gen. 12

Ex. 19

Start - End

Call of Abraham

**Israel camped
at Sinai**

Responsibilities

**Stay in Promised
Land**

**Believe and obey
God**

Judgments

**Egyptian
bondage**

**Wilderness
wanderings**

Dispensation #4 Promise

Scripture

Ex. 19
Acts 1:26

Start - End

**Giving of the
Law to Moses at
Mt. Sinai**

**Jesus' death
fulfills the Law**

Responsibilities

Keep the Law
Walk with God

Judgments

**Captivity
(Fall of Northern
& Southern
Kingdoms)**

Dispensation #5 Mosaic Law

Scripture

Acts 2:1

Rev. 19:21

Start - End

**The creation of
the Church**

**Christ's battle
at Armageddon**

Responsibilities

Believe on Christ

Walk with Christ

Judgments

Death (Physical)

Loss of rewards

Dispensation #6 Grace

Scripture

Rev. 20:1-15

Start - End

The Millennial Kingdom

Satan and all unbelievers cast into Hell

Responsibilities


Believe and obey Christ and His government

Judgments

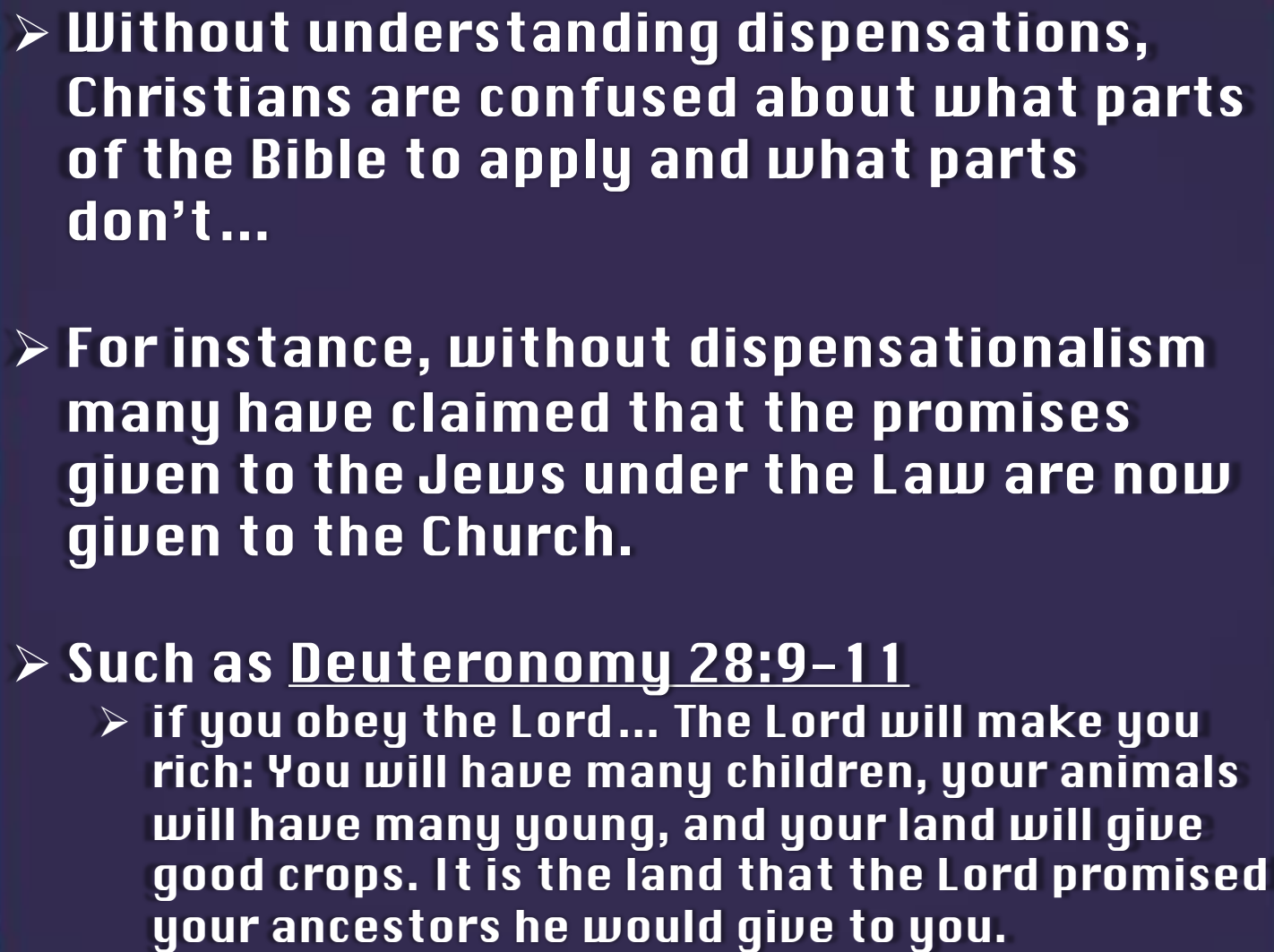
Death (Spiritual / Physical)

Great White Throne Judgment

Dispensation #7 Divine Government



Dispensations are Needed
#Three

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- **Without understanding dispensations, Christians are confused about what parts of the Bible to apply and what parts don't...**
 - **For instance, without dispensationalism many have claimed that the promises given to the Jews under the Law are now given to the Church.**
 - **Such as Deuteronomy 28:9-11**
 - **if you obey the Lord... The Lord will make you rich: You will have many children, your animals will have many young, and your land will give good crops. It is the land that the Lord promised your ancestors he would give to you.**

3. Dispensationalism is needed

- **However, Deuteronomy 28:9–11 is given to the nation Israel while they were under the Law...**
- **Now we are under Grace and no longer under the Law, so this verse does not apply to the Church but to Old Testament Israel**
- **Romans 6:14**
 - **Sin will not be your master, because you are not under law but under God's grace.**
- **Romans 7:6**
 - **But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.**

3. Dispensationalism is needed

- **Therefore those promises given under the Law apply to the Jews and not the Church.**
- **The seven dispensations help us to put everything in order and in context!**



3. Dispensationalism is needed

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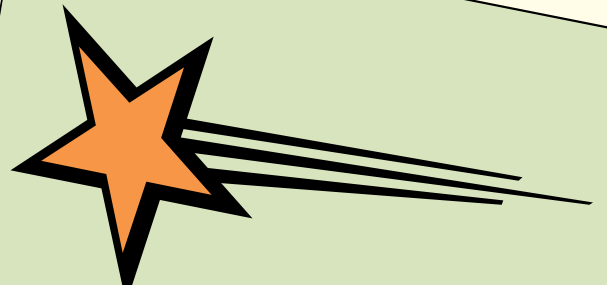


REAL LIFE
QUESTIONS!

**TIME FOR
HARD
QUESTIONS**



DISPENSATIONALISM



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QUESTION #1

**What is a
Dispensation?**



QUESTION #1
WHAT IS A DISPENSATION?

The belief that God granted different stewardships to men throughout history
Also, Dispensation means stewardship

COOL!



A hand holding a sign with a question, set against a background of orange and white rays.

QUESTION #2

**What does it mean
that the Bible is a
“Progressive
Revelation?”**

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Answer

- Throughout time God revealed more and more about Himself to mankind, so that man could understand God better.



Why should I even care?



Why Should I Care?



- **If God gave so many promises to the Jews such as wealth and a long life - and if those promises were given to us too than the Bible is fill of lies since we may die young and are not wealthy!**
- **However, understanding how God gave different stewardships to different people makes the whole Bible clearer.**

Now I understand...

What are the 7 Dispensations

1. Innocence

- Starts with Creation - Ends with the Fall

2. Conscience

- Starts with the Fall- Ends with the Noah's flood

3. Civil Government

- Starts with Noah's Flood - Ends with Babel

4. Promise

- Starts with the Call of Abraham- Ends with Giving of the Law

5. Mosaic Law

- Starts with Giving of Law- Ends with Death of Jesus the Christ

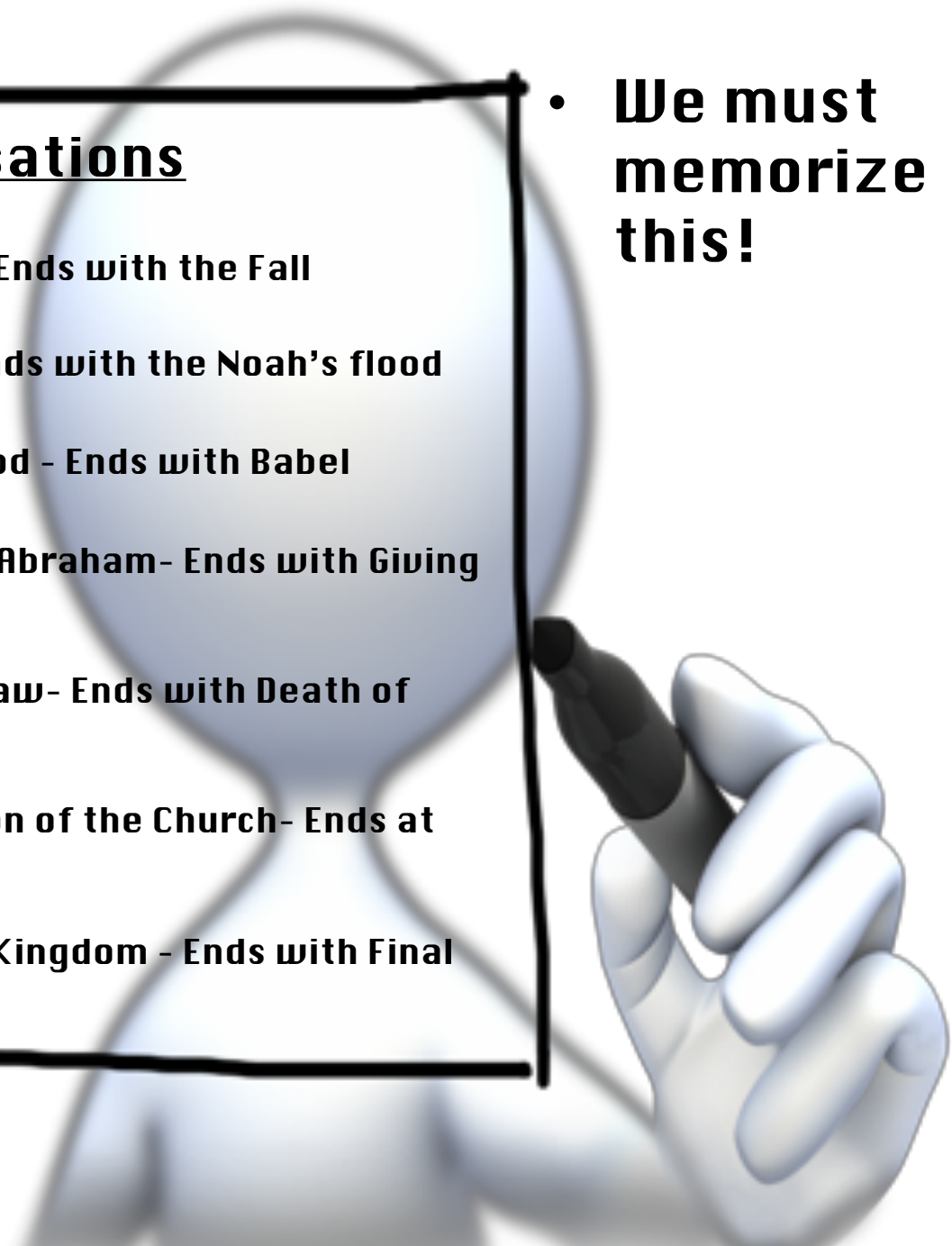
6. Grace

- Starts with the creation of the Church- Ends at Armageddon

7. Divine Government

- Starts with Millennial Kingdom - Ends with Final Judgment

- **We must memorize this!**



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What You Will Learn

- ~~1. The Holy Scriptures (Bible)~~
- ~~2. The Trinity (Godhead)~~
- ~~3. God the Father~~
- ~~4. God the Son~~
- ~~5. God the Holy Spirit~~
- ~~6. Salvation~~
- ~~7. Dispensationalism~~
8. The Total Depravity of Man / Three Forms of Sin
9. Eternal Security
10. Assurance of Believers
11. Spiritual Gifts
12. The Church & The Ordinances / Baptism - Communion
13. The Two Natures of the Believer
14. Sanctification / Separation of the Believer
15. The Personality of Satan
16. The Personality of Angels
17. The Second Advent of Christ / Tribulation
18. The Eternal State - Kingdom
19. Other Important Issues (Divorce, Abortion, Do Babies Go To Heaven?)

UPCOMING