

A STUDY IN DISPENSATIONAL THEOLOGY

THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE

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Text – Romans 6:14; Titus 2:11-12

- I. The Dispensation of Grace
 - A. The time frame begins with the death of the Lord Jesus on the cross.
 - B. The dispensation of Grace will end with the 2nd Coming of Jesus at the end of the Tribulation
 - C. Scripture: Matthew 27:57; Mark 15:42; Luke 23:50; John 20:31 thru Rev. 19:21
- II. God's new ruling factor
 - A. God carries over the old one
 - 1. Human conscience
 - 2. The Restraint Holy Spirit is still in effect but God will withdraw the Spirit at the end of the Dispensation of Grace, just before the Tribulation begins. (II Thes. 2:7-8)
 - 3. Human Government is also still at work.
 - 4. The promises were still in effect.
 - 5. The Mosaic Law is not carried over but is replaced by Grace when Jesus died on the cross.
 - B. The ruling factor is now the Grace of God.
 - 1. Romans 6:14 is written to believers who are in the Dispensation of Grace.
 - 2. *The Law is done away with as a ruling factor.*
 - 3. The word "under" is used of both "law" and "Grace" and suggests that whatever was the function of Law was is now the function of Grace.
 - 4. The function of the Law was not salvation (Gal.2:16)

5. “under” = under (or subject to) the rule of. You are not under the rule of the Law but under the rule of Grace

6. Titus 2:11-12 shows that Grace brings salvation. Grace teaches us to live righteously in this (world – age). “Teach” means to practice discipline over us to teach us to avoid ungodly and to adopt godliness.

7. Grace is doing this in this present age.

III. The special revelation of God in this dispensation.

A. The new revelation is the New Testament from the end of the Gospels through Revelation 19.

B. Content for the Unbelieving world. They are to receive God’s gift of righteousness through faith in Jesus

C. The content for the church

1. The great commission

2. To maintain a pure membership in the church (only believers in the church)

3. Discipline unruly members

4. Prevent false teaching in the church

5. Contend for the faith

D. Content for the individual believers

1. Live Godly by His Grace.

2. Be associated with a Bible believing church

3. Evangelize – Great commission “as you are going” in you normal lives, preach.

IV. Man’s responsibility was to obey God on the basis of all six ruling factors.

V. The Test – Would man obey God on these bases? - No, we do not.

VI. Failure

A. The majority of people do not accept God's gift of righteousness. Most have never heard.

B. The Church

1. Is not fulfilling the Great Commission.
2. We do not keep have a pure membership.
3. We do not always discipline properly
4. We allow false teaching
5. We do not contend for the faith.

C. The individual Believers

1. We do not live Godly lives.
2. We forsake the assembling of our selves in church (Hebrews 10:25)
3. We don't evangelize and disciple others

VII. God's divine judgment

A. To the believer premature death Acts 5; I John 5:16

B. The church – He will remove their candle
(truth, Leader) Rev. 2:5

The 7 Dispensations

1. The dispensation of Innocence
2. The dispensation of Conscience
3. The dispensation of Human Government
4. The dispensation of Promise
5. The dispensation of the Law (Mosaic)
6. The dispensation of Grace
7. The dispensation of the Millennium.