

## DID DARBY TEACH ANOTHER GOSPEL?

IF WE FOLLOW THE DOCTRINE OF PRETRIBULATIONAL DISPENSATIONALISM THROUGH TO ITS NATURAL AND LOGICAL CONCLUSIONS, IT LEADS TO TEACHING HERESY.

### I. WHAT PRETRIBULATIONAL DISPENSATIONALISM TEACHES

- A. Pretribulational dispensationalism teaches a rigid distinction between Israel and the church.
- B. Pretribulational dispensationalism teaches that the tribulation is “for Israel” but “not for the Church.”
- C. Pretribulational dispensationalism teaches that, therefore, any Christian alive during the tribulation cannot be part of the Church.

### II. FACT-CHECKING THESE TEACHINGS

- A. There will be a great multitude of Christians alive and on the earth throughout the entire Great Tribulation.
  - 1) we find multiple references to “saints” alive during the Tribulation, such as in the following passages:
    - a) [Revelation 5:8](#)
    - b) [Revelation 8:3,4](#)
    - c) [Revelation 11:18](#)
    - d) [Revelation 13:7,10](#)
      - i. Jesus overcame death by allowing Himself to be overcome. His followers will follow His example during the Tribulation
      - ii. the Bible calls for “[patient endurance](#)”
    - e) [Revelation 17:6](#)
    - f) [Revelation 19:8](#)
    - g) [Revelation 12:10-11](#)
      - i. the term used for the saints alive during the Tribulation is “[our brothers and sisters](#)”. This is only possible if they have been born again
      - ii. these are not second-class Christians; they are our brothers and sisters
  - 2) according to Pretribulational Dispensationalism, these saints cannot be part of the Church because if they were, it would

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- violate the foundational tenets of Dispensationalism
- B. The saints alive during the Tribulation will be born again.
- 1) in order to be saved, one must be born again
    - a) [John 3:3-7](#)
      - i. salvation is not by works but solely by grace through faith in Christ alone. And we work out our faith in fear and trembling ([Philippians 2:12](#)) and it produces good works
      - ii. “born of water” = born naturally
    - b) [Romans 8:10-11, 23](#)
      - i. we already have the spirit of sonship within us, but we are still waiting and yearning for its permanent completion. It is as good as done, but until we have endured all are clothed with immortality, our adoption has not been finished
- C. Everyone who is born of the Spirit is part of the Body of Christ!
- 1) [1 Corinthians 12:13](#)
- D. There is only One Body of Christ!
- 1) [Romans 12:5](#)
  - 2) [1 Corinthians 10:16-17](#)
    - a) will the Tribulation saints be partakers of the blood of Christ or somehow be saved by something other than His blood? Of course, they will only be saved through Jesus’ blood
  - 3) [1 Corinthians 12:12, 20](#)
  - 4) [Colossians 3:15](#)
  - 5) [Ephesians 2:13-16](#)
- E. The Body = the Church
- 1) [Ephesians 1:22-23](#)
    - a) the church is the fullness of Christ on the earth
  - 2) [Colossians 1:18, 24](#)
- F. Pretribulation Dispensationalism teaches another Gospel for Tribulation Saints.
- 1) *“The everlasting Gospel ([Revelation 14:6](#)). This is to be preached to the earth-dwellers at the very end of the great tribulation and immediately preceding the judgment of the nations ([Matthew 25:31](#), refs.). It is neither the Gospel of the kingdom, nor of grace. Though its burden is judgment, not salvation, it is good news to Israel and to those who, during the tribulation, have been saved ([Revelation 7:9-14](#); [Luke 21:28](#); [Psalm 96:11-13](#); [Isaiah 35:4-10](#)).”*  
- The Scofield Reference Bible, p 1343

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- 2) there is only ONE Gospel. The Gospel of the Kingdom and the Gospel of Grace are different facets of the same Gospel. The Gospel of Grace facet = Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection. The Gospel of the Kingdom facet = all things will be renewed and the kingdom of David restored
- G. Those who preach another gospel are cut off and accursed.
- 1) [Galatians 1:6-10](#)
  - 2) [2 Corinthians 11:4](#)