

BASICS OF DISPENSATIONAL TRUTH PT. 1

A. An INTRODUCTION to DISPENSATIONAL TRUTH.

1. The word "dispensation" is a _____ word/term. (Colossians 1:25-29)
2. The need to _____ the Word of God is a biblical concept. (2 Timothy 2:15)
 - _____ the plan of God.
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3. The recognition that "all the Bible is _____ us, but not all the Bible is _____ us" is an important principle. (2 Timothy 3:16; Romans 15:4)

*Examples:

4. The foundation for a dispensational understanding of the Bible is to _____ study the Bible by utilizing a _____, _____, _____ method of interpretation.

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B. A ROADMAP for this SERIES.

I. THE DEFINITION OF A "DISPENSATION"

A. Its ETYMOLOGY. (Col. 1:25-29; Ephesians 1:8-11)

1. "Dispensation" (oikonomia) - literally means _____, _____, or _____.
2. The central idea in the word dispensation is that of _____ or _____ the affairs of a household.

B. Its EXPLANATION.

1. Concise definitions of the Biblical idea of a dispensation:

"A dispensation is a distinguishable _____ in the out working of God's purpose." (Charles Ryrie)

"A dispensation is a particular way of God administering _____ over the world as He progressively works out His purpose for world history." (Renald Showers)

2. These dispensational _____ are necessary to distinguish in order to **rightly divide** the Word of truth.

* For example, compare Matthew 10:5-7; Mark 16:15

II. THE DESCRIPTION OF A DISPENSATION

A. The FEATURES of a "Stewardship" from Luke 16.

1. There are _____ – one with authority and the other with responsibilities. (16:1b)
2. There are specific _____ which have been _____ to the steward. (16:1c)
3. There is _____ to the authority by the steward. (16:2a)
4. There may be a _____ at any time the authority finds _____ in the existing administration. (16:2b)

B. The FEATURES of a "Dispensation."

1. There is a particular _____ (*oftentimes the dispensation is named after this.*)
2. There are particular _____ to carry out.
3. There is a particular new _____ to respond to.
4. There is a particular _____ to determine man's obedience.
5. There is a particular _____ allotted to comply (*note the difference between "dispensation" and "age"*).
6. There is a particular _____ by man.
7. There is a particular _____ by God.

* Each dispensation is distinguishable as we consider these features or characteristics.