

THE 'CHURCH AGE' DISPENSATION (part three)

The importance of understanding dispensations of biblical history was brought home to me recently while discussing with a church leader about his pastor's Sunday sermon. He explained his pastor's sermon on the temptation of Jesus by Satan in Matt.4:1-11. He explained to me how Jesus confronted Satan three times with the law and defeated him. He concluded that while we are currently under grace we still live by the law.

This was once again a reminded to me of the importance of teaching on the Church Age Dispensation and how it differs from other dispensations.

We defined a dispensation as **“a definite period of biblical history (kairos) during which a divine agency represents God in the world (oikonomia) that is composed of successive (chronos) generations of believers (genea) who live by a specific set of divine revelations as part of the eternal plan of God (aion).”**

Last week we discussed the four dispensations, the period of the church age, the mystery of the church, and its specific set of divine revelations.

This week we will study 15 unique doctrines of the Church Age (CA) Dispensation

1. Jesus Christ is the head of the church (Eph.1:22-23; 5:23; Col.1:18)
2. He is the Savior of the church, the body of Christ (Acts 20:28; Eph.5:23; Col.1:24)
3. He is both the foundation and the chief corner stone of the church (Eph.2:19-22; 1 Cor.3:11; 1 Tim.3:16)
4. Every CA Believer's body becomes the spiritual temple of the indwelling Holy Spirit at moment of salvation (1 Cor.6:19-20)
5. Collective members of the body of Christ compose the spiritual temple on earth (1 Cor.3:16; Eph.2:21; 1 Pet.2:15)
6. Every CA Believer receives eight works of the Holy Spirit at salvation (John 7:37-39; Matt.3:11; Eph.1:13-14)
7. Spiritual gifts provide the specialized ministries within the body of Christ, the church (1 Cor.12:12-27)
8. Each local church is the custodian of its dispensational teaching, evangelism and discipleship of converts (Matt.28:19-20; Acts 1:8; Eph.1:18-22; 3:9-12; 4:11-16)
9. The Baptism of Holy Spirit places every CA believer into union with Christ. (Positional Sanctification / 50 things) (2 Cor.5:17; Eph.1:5; 2:17; 3:16; Gal.3:26-29; 1 Cor.12:13; Col.1:25-27)
10. Every CA Believer is a royal priest (1 Pet.2: 5,9)
11. Every CA Believer is an ambassador of Christ to the world (2 Cor.5:18-21; Eph.6:19-20)
12. Every CA Believer is indwelt by Holy Spirit and is able to maintain spirituality (1 Cor.6:19; Gal.3:2-3; 5:16-17, 22-23; 1 John 3:24; 4:13-14)
13. There is no hierarchy in the CA because every CA Believer is in union with the Godhead (1 Cor.12:4-6; Eph.4:4-6)
14. The church is both present on the earth as well as in heaven (John 14:1-6; 2 Cor.5:6-8; 1 Thess.4:13-18)
15. The CA is the dispensation of the grace and truth of Jesus Christ (John 1:16-17; Rom.5:1-2; Eph.3:1-2; 1 Pet.1:10-13; 2 Pet.3:18)

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.” (Philemon 25)