

John 181 "Jesus Wept" John 11:28-35

A dispensation is a period of time in human history expressed in terms of God's unfolding revelation.

Dispensation is a technical theological term used primarily by the apostle Paul in his presentation of the mystery doctrine of the Church Age.

There are many interpretations of history but the only accurate interpretation is dispensational.

Old Testament believers were under the ritual plan of God and our Lord was under the Incarnation plan of God which was the precursor or pioneer plan to the Church Age plan of God.

It's extremely important to note that while there is a different plan for believers in each dispensation, there is only one way of salvation throughout human history and it's always been through personal faith alone in Jesus Christ alone by way of His grace alone.

There are two Theocentric dispensations in the Old Testament: 1. The dispensation of the Gentiles which began with the creation of mankind and continued until the Exodus.

2. *The dispensation of the Jews or Israel which runs from the Exodus 1445 BC to the birth of Christ in 4 BC.*

There are two Christocentric dispensations in the New Testament: 1. The Incarnation from the birth of Christ in 4 BC to His resurrection and ascension in AD 30 during His First Advent, the time of the Gospels.

2. The Church Age runs from the Day of Pentecost in AD 30 until the Rapture of the Church with the time being unknown by all but God and it's divided into two parts: 1) The Pre-Canon period, the time of the Book of Acts and the temporary spiritual gifts from AD 30 to AD 96 and 2) The Post-Canon period from AD 96 to the Rapture of the Church, the era of the New Testament epistles and the permanent spiritual gifts.

There are two Eschatological (end times) dispensations 1. The Tribulation dispensation (7 years), the great power struggle from the Rapture to the Second Advent.

2. The Millennial reign of Jesus Christ runs from His Second Advent to the end of human history lasting 1000 years and it will be a time of restoration for Israel as a nation under God and the fulfillment of her unconditional covenants, so that Israel will once again be God's representative priest nation for history's last ten centuries.

Mary's problem in vs 32 is she's more influenced by her emotional sister at this time than she is by objective biblical truth.

When we rely on people, even fellow believers, to help us solve our problems rather than taking them to the Word of God, we will certainly collapse under any form of pressure.

We all must learn to rely entirely on God's unfailing truth for our comfort and strength especially in times

of adversity (but also in prosperity) and not let even tragedy separate us from the Word of God, our spiritual lifeline which keeps our spiritual hearts beating.

We must not let tragedy separate us from God's experiential plan for us.

The Lord Jesus Who delivers us from spiritual death can also deliver us through physical

death.

Men can roll away the stone but only God Himself can raise the dead and put the soul back into the body.

True capacity for genuine love is not diminished by failure in any way on the part of the object(s) of that love.