

THE CHURCH IN DISPENSATIONALISM

Intro. 3 problems. (1) divides the church (2) doesn't begin ch in O.T. (3) stresses apostasy in ch at end esp.

I. Is disp divisive?

- A. Charge. I knew a church that split over disp. Mess.
B. Observations. 1. Disp have sin natures. 2. Know all the facts in case? 3. Doctrine does divide. This is not test of truthfulness or usefulness. Rom 6.
C. Teaching. Note disp emphasis on unity of body and this carries over into local ch. *p 80 middle - 85 ft*

II. Is the ch in the OT.

1. If so, it is not the body of X. 1st use except physical is in 1 Cor 12 and 2nd in Rom 12. Remainder in Eph, Col. That saints redeemed, in heaven, in family, yes; in body, no. Body is ch Eph 1:22; Col 1:8. Body-ch not in OT

2. If so, Gentile converts were not on equal ground with Jew Eph 3:6. No mystery what Gentiles saved, Gen 12:3 but joint-heirs is mystery. But in this disp, Acts 15:14.

3. Of Gentile had to become proselyte. Not so today. *146-148 bds*

4. *If so, X did not indwell it. 149-149.*

4. If so, then entrance was in some unknown way.

Today entrance into body is thru bap of HS, 1 Cor 12:13. 1st occurrence, Acts 1:5, 11:15.

Concl. Body-church, the mystery, not in OT. Began with 1st baptism of HS on day of Pentecost. Not only redeemed group but distinct one, cf. OT saints before Abraham. *159 do*

Dist. ch. 13. ... can't be ... in ...

III. Will the church become apostate?

"Disp appears in its most vicious form in this doct"

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A. Use of word. 5x in NT. Acts 21:21 (from Jud to Xnty). Lk 8:13, Heb 3:12, 1 Tim 4:1; 2 Thes 2:3. Apos coming and affecting professed Xns is Biblical doctrine. Doct not limited to word, 2 Tim 3, Jude, Rev 17. Apos is willful departure from previously accepted truth and breaking of professed relationship with God.

B. Characteristics. 1. Present, 1 Tim 4:1-3. Doc and life. *2 Tim 3:5*

2. Future, Rev 17. Ecumenical, 1, 15; federated, 5; corrupt, 1, 4, 6.

C. Xn's attitude toward. Examine self. Who isn't apostate? Examine procedure--turn away, 2 Tim 3:5, seek to win, 2 Tim 2:22-24.

Men to be join. I have a will - Str. daughter, brother in flesh, bro in X not heirs but distinguished.