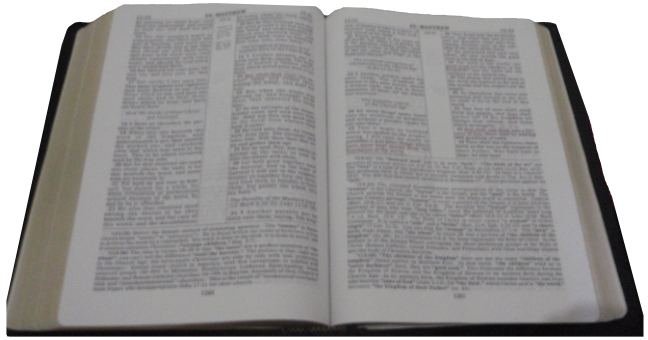


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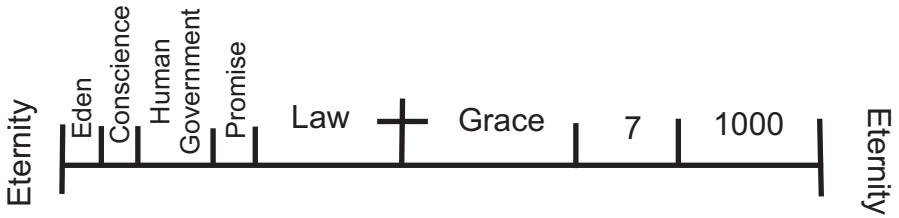
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The entrance of thy words giveth light
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There are eight Dispensations

1- Eden or Innocence
2- Conscience
3- Human Government
4- Promise or Family or Patriarchal
5- Law
6- Grace
7- Tribulation (7 years)
8- 1000 Millennial Reign of Christ



In this study we will be talking about the intermediate period between the Law and Grace and Grace and the Tribulation. The three most dangerous books in your bible are transitional books where events are changing, moving, transit. These three books are Matthew, Acts, and Hebrew. They are changing from Israel to the Church or Law to Grace or the Church to the Tribulation. In these books nothing is concrete so it is hard to pinpoint when the Law stops and Grace begins or when Grace ends and the Law and the Tribulation pick back up. In these transitional periods is where almost all heresies and false doctrines come from.

Mt. 1:6- David the King

The book starts out written about the king of the Jews.

When Jesus commissions his Apostles to go out and preach the Kingdom he told them not to go to the Gentiles but to the lost sheep of Israel.

Mat. 10:1-7, 5-6

Christ himself said that he was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel

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In Acts 3:19- Your sins may be blotted out, when the Jewish messiah returns at the 2nd Advent.

Its all about Israel until the Jews reject Stevens message in Acts 7 and then from this point on things begin to change.

Saul is changed to Paul a gentile name and pretty much the rest of the book is about going to the Gentiles.

- **Mt. 15:24**

- By the time you get to the end of the book Jesus is telling them go therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost.

- **Mt. 28:19**

- That's a big change, from go only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

- Transition covers the period between the Laws end and Grace, and between Grace and the Law in Tribulation

- It is difficult and hard to understand it takes studying.

- Transition = Transit- transport

Translation- one language to another- a change

- Law Ex. 19 to Calvary. But its not an abrupt stop it takes years for it to slowly change over to grace.

- **Lk. 16:14-17**

- The OT. is done away at the death of Christ and the NT. is instituted at his death.

- **Heb. 9:16-17**

- **Lk. 16:16**- If the Law is until John then what is after John?

- Because Grace isn't settled until Acts 15

- What's in between?

- <u>Boundaries</u> - We can set some

- **Lk. 1:6**- Law is in effect at John's birth.

- **Mt. 19:16-17**- Law still in effect but John is already dead.

- **Mt. 14:10**- John beheaded

- **Acts 15:7-11**

  - Grace is definitely in **Acts 15**

  - Maybe starting in **Acts 8**

  - Law looks like it's up to **Acts 19**

  - Between John the Baptist and Acts 19 the law is going in and out.

- **Jesus is born under the law**

- **Lk. 2:21- 24**

- **Lk. 2:22**- ...according to the law

- **Lk. 2:24**- And to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord

- **Lk. 2:21**- ...for the circumcising of the child

- Joseph and Mary kept the law and had Jesus circumcised as a sign of the Abrahamic covenant.

- **Gen. 17:9-14**- Every man child of the seed of Abraham shall be circumcised the eight day.

- **Gen. 17:10**- This is my covenant

- **Lev. 12:1-4**- Jesus was circumcised

  - Mary was unclean 33 days

When the Book of Israel starts out it's about Jerusalem.

Acts 2:5- Jerusalem

Acts 2:14- men of Judea, dwell at Jerusalem

By the time you get to Acts 8 the Church is being scattered as far out as Samaria.

Their moving away from the capital of the Kingdom.

After Acts 8 God quites dealing with Jerusalem there are no more miracles in Jerusalem after Acts 8.

Israel rejected the message of Steven and God shuts the door on Israel.

In Chapter 9 Paul is saved and goes to the Gentiles.

See the transition.

The message is different in the book of Acts. They start out preaching the Kingdom. A Jewish messianic kingdom.

By the time you get to the end it is the Grace of God.

The book of Acts ends preaching the Grace of God.

3 transitions in the book of Acts.

1- Jewish Apostles to Gentile Apostles

2- 1st 7 chapters is all Israel- end all Gentiles

3- Goes from preaching on the Jewish messiah, to Grace

  - Peter preaches on Joel 2 in Acts 2, and Joel is about the return of the Jewish Messiah.

  - The kingdom is so strong in Acts 3 that Peter says.

- **Mt. 10:1-6**- Jesus tells his disciples do not go to the Gentiles or the Samaritans, but go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

- **Mt. 15:24**- Jesus said about himself he was not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

- But by the time you get to the end of the book Jesus is telling them to go to all nations, Gentiles.

- **Mt. 28:19**- Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

The gospels go from the message of the Kingdom to Grace.

Jh. 1:14- It says Jesus Christ is full of grace and truth.

The Gospels of Mt. Mk and Lk. hardly have anything about grace in them.

The Book of Acts is a transitional book.

The book of Acts starts out with 12 Apostles, Israel has 12 tribes.

The first 12 or 13 chapters is all about the Jewish Apostles but by time you get to chapters 14,15, 16 their gone.

The book of Acts is about the Apostles to Israel until Acts 15 after Acts 15 it deals with the Apostles to the Gentiles.

Acts 14:14 Paul and Barnabas are called Apostles and they primarily go to the Gentiles.

This is a transition in the book of Acts.

By the time you get to the end of Acts they are establishing Gentile churches.

- **Jesus died under the law**

  - **Gal. 3:13**

- **Jesus was made under the law.**

  - **Gal. 4:4**

- **<u>Lets look at salvation in individuals during this time.</u>**

  - No where in the Law did a Jew have to be baptized.

  - OT - No Baptism

  - In the 4 Gospels John the Baptist comes and says you have to be baptized to prove your repentance and make ready for the Messiah.

  - This is a change- part of the transition.

  -**Mt. 3:1-2**

    - God is going to give Israel a chance to have a great kingdom that was promised to David in the OT.

  - **Mt. 3:11**

  - **Jh. 4:1-2** - Jesus disciples also baptizing.

  - **Jh. 1:31**-

    - John's baptism of water was to prepare the nation of Israel for their Messiah, whom if they would receive would bring to them the kingdom promised to David and all Israel in the Old Testament.

Mt. 16:13-17

- 17- Revealed = Manifest **Jh. 1:31**

- Why was it revealed to Peter that Jesus was the Christ.

- Because Peter had submitted to John's baptism of water.

- When a Jew submitted to John's baptism and then saw the works of Jesus realized this was the Messiah.

- Very few Priest, Pharisees or Sadducees submitted to John's baptism.

Mt.8:4 - Jesus telling people keep the law.

- Israel must keep the law and be baptized by John to prepare for the kingdom of Heaven.

Jh. 4:40-42 - A Samaritan is a half breed. They believed and were not baptized.

- John's baptism is to Israel not the Samaritans.

- A Samaritan did not have to submit to John's baptism.

Lk. 23:39-43 -

- Saved by grace in a time when others had to be baptized.

Acts 2 Peter was preaching to the Jews.

- **2:22**- Ye men of Israel

- **2:36**- Therefore let all the house of Israel know

From the time of the gospels up to Acts 19 nothing is set. Its not all law and its not all grace.

The gospels and the book of Acts is one of the most difficult studies in the Word of God. In these books there are no specific doctrines on salvation until Acts 15 with exception of Acts 19..

- If you don't understand just recognize there are changes.

- Every heresy is scripture taken out of a transitional period or book.

There is a transition in the gospels.

- Matthew, Mark and Luke are called synoptic gospels which means they are similar.

- John is not part of the synoptic gospels because John was written around 90 AD.

- John had the benefit of all the Pauline epistles, The Mystery of the Body, Salvation by Grace, the Church, Jew and Gentile in one body was already revealed and written down in scripture.

- In John people are believing on Jesus Christ not the Kingdom.

- Jh. 20:30-31 - ...But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

- The Pauline revelation of the Grace of God has already been revealed.

- Matthew isn't like that.

- **Mt. 1:6**- Matthew starts out about the King of the Jews.

Acts 19:1-8 is a little more difficult because we are dealing with disciples of Apollos who only know the baptism of John.

Acts 18:24-25 - Apollos only knew the baptism of John.

Acts 19:1- Paul came to Ephesus which was the town that Apollos was mighty in the scriptures at and found disciples of Apollos.

When Paul knew they were disciples of Apollos who was teaching the baptism of John the Baptist he proceeds to tell them about the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jh. 1:31- John's baptism was to manifest Jesus Christ to Israel.

When the disciples of Apollos heard of Jesus Christ they believed on him and received the Holy Spirit.

Paul revealed the truth of Acts15:11 the sign of tongues was evidence that confirmed these truths to the unbelieving Jews who witnessed this event.

Acts 15:11- But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

1Cor. 14:22- Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not:

These disciples had been baptized by John the Baptist and believed his message about the kingdom. Paul baptizes them and lays hands on them and they receive the Holy Spirit. This is the last time anybody receives the Holy Spirit by hands being laid on them.

- Peter's message was addressed to the Jewish men of Israel, not Christians, Pentecostals, or Charismatics.

- **2:37**- They did not ask "what shall we do to be saved."

- **Mt.27:25**- Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.

- The Jews just killed an innocent man, their Messiah. Now they have the guilt of his blood on them and their children. In light of this as a nation their asking what must we do?

- **Lk. 23:34** - Jesus prays father forgive them.

- God does forgive them and gives them one more chance to receive the kingdom.

- This is what the first part of Acts is about.

- **Acts 2:38**- Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:12-17 - Kingdom of God, not the kingdom of Heaven.

- The Kingdom of Heaven and the kingdom of God are not the same.

- Kingdom of Heaven is - Physical, moral, rightious kingdom.

- **Mt. 11:12**- ...the **kingdom of heaven** suffereth violence, and the violent take **it** by force.

- **It** = kingdom of heaven

- **The kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom inside you**

- **Lk. 17:21**- within you

- **Rom. 14:17**- ...righteousness, peace, joy **in** the Holy Ghost.

Acts 8:26-39- The difference in this verse is the Ethiopian was reading in Isaiah 53 about the sacrificial lamb.

- The context of Isaiah 53 is the blood atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Jesus Christ is the sacrificial lamb that takes away the sin of the world.

-**Jh. 1:29**- Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

- The eunuch was revealed the glorious truth of redemption by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Acts 8:36- The Eunuch knew of John's baptism **Acts19:2-3**

- The Gentile baptism of **Mt. 28:19** (all nations) is a picture of the of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **1Cor. 15:1-4**

- Water baptism doesn't save anybody, Paul said: **For Christ sent me not to Baptize, but to preach the gospel:**

- **1Cor. 1:17**

- What is the Gospel?

- The Gospel is the "Death, Burial and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. **1Cor. 15:1-4**

- So we see from this passage water baptism has no place in the gospel.

- Today water baptism is a picture or like figure of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- A lost sinner just asked Paul what must I do to be saved?

- And Paul said - Keep the law and do good works– NO

- **Acts 16:31**- And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

- A person might ask what does that mean to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ?

- **Acts 16:32**- And they spake unto him the word of the Lord,

- After they said believe on the Lord Jesus Christ they spake to them the word of the Lord and explained what they meant by believe of the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

- What did Paul tell them.

- **1Cor. 15:1**- Moreover brethren, I declare unto you the gospel.

- 1Cor. 15:3-4- ...how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4- And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

- Paul explains what it means to believe on the Lord.

- Believe that the Lord Jesus died for your sins and was buried and rose again,

- This man and his house heard the gospel and was saved by grace through faith.

- **Eph.2:8-9**

- After his salvation the jailor and his house were baptized as a public testimony showing they believe in the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Acts 15:22** - The apostles and the elders and the whole church get together and write letters which state:

- **Acts 15:24**- ...saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: **to whom we gave no such commandment:**

- you have The Apostles, Elders and the Whole Church

- Paul and Barnabas 15:25 who are the greatest missionaries of the early church.

- You have James the Lords brother 15:13 who is the pastor in Jerusalem.

- **Acts 15:28**- For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost

- You have all these great men saying you don't have to do any works to get saved or to stay saved and the Holy Spirit agrees.

- It doesn't matter what man says when God says Salvation is by grace it's settled.

- From Acts 15 on Salvation is settled Salvation is by grace through faith plus nothing.

- **Eph 2:8-9**- For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9- Not of works, lest any man should boast.

- After the church agrees Salvation is by grace through faith the very next chapter the Philippian jailor gets saved by faith.

Acts 16:19-34-

Acts 16:30- And brought them out, and said, Sirs what must I do to be saved:

Acts 8:37- This verse has been taken out of the New international version NIV

- If you take out vs. 37 it reads as if water baptism saves you.

- Philip said, **If thou believest with all thine heart.**

- Salvation is by grace through faith

- **Eph. 2:8-9**

- This verse also points out that infant baptism is not scriptural.

- A baby does not believe with all thine heart.

- The first man in the bible to get saved by grace through faith is a black man from Africa.

- Here a man was saved by believing in the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 9:1-6-

- Paul gets saved in Acts 9:1-6

- Every where a man gets saved by grace in the bible all the false bibles change these verses.

- **Acts 9:6** is no exception , **Lk. 23:42**, **Acts 8:37** also

Acts 9:5-6- Paul said two times - **Lord**

- 1st time is a general use as in sir or mister

- 2nd time 9:6 Paul said Lord, This is Paul recognizing Jesus as his Lord and Saviour.

- Paul sees Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus.

- **1Cor. 15:8**- ... he was **seen of me**

- **1Cor. 15:8**- ...as of one born out of due time.

- When Paul saw Jesus Christ he was born again on the road to Damascus

- The Holy Spirit had been working on Paul he was under conviction.

- **Acts 9:5**- ...it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

- this passage is taken out of all false bibles.

- **Acts 7:54-60 - 58** -

- Paul was under conviction from having stoned Steven.

- Paul's conscience was convicting him.

- **Acts 9:5**- pricks = goads

- A cattle goad is a cattle prod today.

- A stick designed to goad cows or similar animals to prompt them to move in a desired direction.

- So Paul's conscience was pricking him and when he sees Jesus Christ on the road to Damascus he knows Jesus has been resurrected and believes on him as his Lord and Saviour.

- Paul is born again in Acts 9:6 and immediately starts serving him.

- **Acts 9:6**- **Lord** what wilt thou have me to do?

- So Paul is saved by grace when he sees Jesus on the road to Damascus.

- So Paul and Barnabas goes to Jerusalem with the question:

- Does a man have to keep the Law to go to Heaven?

- There was a big argument about this issue

- **Acts 15:2** - ...had no small dissension and disputation

- While Paul and Barnabas was in Jerusalem saved pharisees stood up and said a man must keep the law to stay saved.

- **Acts 15:5**-

- After much disputing Peter rose up and said:

- **Acts 15:7**- the Gentiles heard the gospel from my mouth

- **Acts 15:8**- They believed the gospel and God gave them the Holy Ghost

- **Acts 15:9**- And put no difference between us (Jews) and them (Gentiles) purifying their hearts by faith.

- **Gal. 3:14**- That the blessing of Abraham might come on the **Gentiles** through Jesus Christ; that **we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

- **Acts 15:10**- Peter says if you are telling people they have to keep the law to get saved or keep the law to stay saved you are tempting God.

- Peter says in 15:11

- **Acts 15:11**- But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

- The they in 15:11 are gentiles who were saved by faith without water baptism in Acts 10.

- **There are two heresies taught against in Acts 15**

- 1- You must do something to get saved

- 2- You must do something to stay saved

Acts 15:1- ...Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved

Acts 15:1- This is you having to do something to get saved.

- You could put anything there - Baptism
  Golden rule
  Keeping the Law
  Communion
  Doing good works
  Etc. Etc.

- The 2nd heresy is Acts 15:5; you must do something to stay saved.

Acts 15:5- You have saved Jews

- Pharisees which believed

- Telling the Church it was needful to circumcise them and to command them to keep the Law of Moses

- Vs. 5 is telling them once they get saved they have to keep the law of Moses to stay saved

- The book of Galatians was written to counter act that heresy.

- The book of Romans was written to show a man he is saved by faith without the works of the Law.

- Galatians was written to show that you stay saved the same way you got saved - By FAITH

Acts 10:44-48-

- Peter is preaching to Cornelius a gentile (Italian band 10:1) his knismen and near friends who are also there.

- Peter preaches the gospel in 10:39-40

- **Acts 10:39-40**- ... whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day,

- While Peter is preaching the gospel 1Cor. 15:1-4

- The Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

-**Acts10:44**

- These gentiles are born again by hearing the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- They receive the Holy Spirit before they are baptized.

- **Acts 2** a Jew had to be baptized to receive the Holy Spirit.

- **Acts 10** a Gentile receives the Holy Spirit without being baptized in water.

- **Acts 8** you have Ham getting saved.

- **Acts 9** you have Shem getting saved.

- **Acts 10** you have Japheth getting saved.

- Peter leads these people to Christ by faith without water baptism.

- **Gal. 3:14**- ...Gentiles through Jesus Christ; **that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

- Grace starts in chapter 8 and by chapter 15 is settled.

- Salvation is by grace through faith.

- **Eph. 2:8-9**

- You see how the book of Acts is changing from Israel to the Church.

- **Acts 2** a Jew had to be baptized to get the Holy Spirit.

- **Acts 8** Samarintains were baptized and did not receive the Holy Spirit.

- **Acts 10** Gentiles recieved the Holy Spirit without water baptism.

- Matthew starts out about David the King 1:6 and by the time you get to the end Jesus is saying:

- **Mt. 28:19** - Go ye therefore, and teach **all nations**,

- There are 3 transitional books in the NT.

- **Matthew, Acts and Hebrews**

- These books are changing from Law to Grace
  Jew to Church
  Church to Tribulation

- All most all false religions get their doctrine from these 3 books.

- So the Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit in Acts 10 and then speak in tongues to prove they get the Holy Spirit.

- Tongues are another study but suffice it to say. Tongues are a sign 1Cor.14:22 not to them who believe but to them that believe not.

- So God had the gentiles speak in tongues to show the disbelieving Jews who didn’t believe a gentile could be saved by trusting the Jewish messiah Jesus Christ.

Now of course it wasn't a bunch of blubberish it was a foreign language or a foreign tongue they spoke; and when they spoke they glorified God.

- **Acts 10:46**

- When a man speaks in tongues it means he knows more than one language he is not speaking in a bunch of blubberish that he doesn't understand.

- A tongue is a language

- **Ezra 4:7**- Syrian tongue.

- **Acts 10:48**- After they were saved they were baptized as a public testimony in the name of the Lord.

  - Which is the only name that matches the Godhead.

  - **Isa. 42:8**

  - **2Cor. 3:17**

  - **Ph. 2:11**

  - **Jude 5**

- Acts 15:1-11

- Acts 15 is probably one of the greatest chapters in the bible on Christian doctrine concerning Salvation.

- What must I do to get saved and what must I do to stay saved.

- Acts 15 it is settled once and for all.

- Salvation is by grace