

AGE OF GRACE

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What is Dispensation?

For our purposes, it is a method of interpreting biblical history into different periods of time; a framework through which God relates to mankind. There are 7 distinct ages or dispensations in the Bible. Each dispensation (age) begins with an offer of blessing by God, and ends with failure by man to meet God's conditions and a resulting period of Divine judgment.

INNOCENCE	CONSCIENCE	GOVERNMENT	PROMISE	LAW	□ GRACE □	KINGDOM
Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden	Adam & Eve's eviction to the Flood	Flood to the Tower of Babel	Abraham to the Exodus of Jewish people from Egypt	Exodus until after the death of Jesus Christ	Resurrection to the Rapture	Rapture, and ends with the Final Judgment
Gen 1:28 Gen 2:15-17	Gen 3:8 Gen 8:22 (~ 1,656 yrs)	Gen 8 Gen 11:7-9 (~ 325 yrs)	Gen 12:1 - Exodus 19:25 (~ 430 yrs)	Exodus 19 - 23 (~ 1,500 yrs)	Luke 22:20, Dan 9:24 John 19:33 - Rev 3:22 (2,000 yrs and counting)	Rev 20:11-14 Rev 21 & 22 (1,000 yrs)

The Age of Grace

The cross represents the greatest act of Grace. It is at the cross where God allowed His Son, fully God and fully Man, to die in our place for all the things we've ever done, thought, or said that violate a Holy God. This gift of grace is available to those who would receive it. By the Grace of God, Jesus Christ died for us, then went on to conquer death by His glorious resurrection!

(Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.

The death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, ushered in the Age of Grace or Dispensation of Grace, which is the period of time we are in today. What are we doing with God's gift of grace and this precious time that He has given us? Just like the previous periods or eras outlined above, the Age of Grace will end, and it ends with the Rapture. Are you ready?

(2 Timothy 3:1-7 NASB1995) But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Our Responsibility - Be Ready, Be Bold, Take Action!

The media is normalizing perversion. Be aware and do not conform. Speak and share God's absolute truth.

(Romans 12:2 NASB1995) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Equip and protect yourselves and your family. Practice righteousness.

(Matthew 10:16 NASB1995) "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves."

This is a call for righteousness. We are the salt of the earth. We are the bearers of the Truth. Why would God give us the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, if He didn't want us to fight for His Kingdom? Ephesians tells us we are in a battle. In our flesh we might appear weak and frail. But in the Spirit, by the power of the almighty Father, we are fierce warriors. This is the truth and all hell trembles when believers operate with the power of the Holy Spirit.

God's mercy and His grace always come before His judgment. We will stand before The Creator and He will judge our action and our inaction. If God's people do not speak up on behalf of the children, who will?

(James 2:24 & 26 NIV) You see that a person is considered righteous by what they do and not by faith alone. As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Father, light a fire deep in our soul that we can't contain and only you can control. Ignite Your fire in husbands and wives, children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, grandmothers and grandfathers, friends and neighbors, in Waimea town and Hawai'i Island, and so on and so on. Amen.