

Eschatology

ἔσχατον = éskhaton = last things
ology = study of

Truth Point #1: Not all doctrine is equal in that not all doctrine is formed from an _____ . Even when it comes from an infallible source, there are _____ pertaining to how that infallible source is approached.

Covenant & Dispensational Theology

Covenant Theology: Covenant Theology is built on 3 specific acts of God: the covenants of _____, _____, and _____.

Biblical Interpretation: Although very serious about the authority, inerrancy, and infallibility of Scripture, Covenant Theology leans toward a _____, _____ approach toward some parts of Scripture.

Israel & The Church = Covenant Theology says there is _____ between the two. Israel became The Church and the promises made to Israel will now be fulfilled IN and BY The Church.

Dispensational Theology: sees God's revelation through the lens of 7 dispensations and/or ways of administering the affairs of man: Pre-Fall, Conscience, Government, Patriarchal, Mosaic, Church, and Millennial Kingdom.

Biblical Interpretation = Dispensational Theology is known for a _____, _____, _____ approach that recognizes symbolism and figures of speech, but sees these nonetheless intended to communicate what is literal in God's revelation.

Israel & The Church = Dispensational Theology holds to a _____, they are _____ entities for whom God has a plan, and to whom God has made promises that must be fulfilled.

Truth Point #2: One's understanding of God's eschatological plan will be determined by the _____ they _____. Each has unique aspects toward Biblical interpretation, which impacts how each sees Israel and the Church..

Covenant Theology's Eschatology

Amillennialism = the letter "A" before the word negates the word and thus means...**No Millennium**. Amillennialism denies a physical, literal reign of Christ on the earth, believing that He currently reigns " _____" in the hearts of His church. A summary of Amillennialism:

- No _____ reign of Christ upon the earth.
- Satan was bound at the _____ of Christ.
- The _____, between the first and second Advents, is the outworking or manifestation of the millennium.
- The Millennium will come to a close with the _____ of Christ to gather His own to Himself, to which the "Eternal State" or Eternity will begin.

Postmillennialism = agrees that the 2nd Advent of Christ will take place at the end, or close of a Millennium, and that the 1,000 years associated with it is to be taken figuratively.

Post-Millennialism, however, teaches that the Church in its proclamation of the Gospel, will see _____ until the world becomes Christianized, ushering in a golden age of global righteousness. Once achieved, Christ will return, gather His own to Himself, judge the wicked, and establish the Eternal State.

Ultimately, the realities of WWI and WWII did great damage to Post-Millennialism, and it all but died as the idea of the church bringing in a golden age seemed ludicrous.

Truth Point #3: Although God’s plan will see the world under the authority and righteousness of Christ, it will take His _____ to bring that to pass.

The Church (**redeemed humanity**) is currently empowered by God’s Word and Spirit to take the soul saving, life transforming Gospel to the world. But, until Christ returns, the world as a whole will _____ into greater sin and chaos.

Dispensational Theology’s Eschatology

Dispensational Theology, with its emphasis on a literal, historic, grammatical method of Biblical interpretation leads to only one Eschatological view... _____.

All Premillennialism hold to a literal, 1,000-year, earthly reign of Christ, but there is more than one camp of premillennialists. Premillennialism can be divided into 2 camps: Historic Premillennialism, and Dispensational Premillennialism.

Historic Premillennialism teaches that there will be a 7-year tribulation period on earth but, what is known as the “Rapture” will not occur until the end of that period. Historic Premillennialism is referred to as _____.

Dispensational Premillennialism - the basics:

- ...a _____ rapture.
- ...a _____ tribulation period.
- ...the fullness of the _____ at the end of the tribulation.
- ...the _____.
- ...Christ’s literal _____ upon the earth.

- ...a brief _____ to test those born in the millennium.
- ...the _____.
- ...the _____ and recreation of a new Heaven and earth.
- ...the _____ where sin, death, pain, sorrow, have no place, and God in all His fullness dwells with His people Eternally.

Wrap Up

Covenant and Dispensational Theology represent the 2 overarching views of Scriptural understanding, each bringing their own unique Eschatological conclusions.

Try as we might, I don't believe we will ever be able to say with 100% assurance that we have arrived at all the right views. No doubt Heaven will bring clarity.

But there is one Scriptural teaching we can, and have arrived at... the Gift of Salvation provided in Christ Jesus alone, given through God's Grace Alone, by Faith alone.

If you have questions about what it means to trust in Jesus as your Savior and Lord, I would welcome the opportunity to help you discover the answers in God's Word, The Bible.

Reach out using the contact information below and I will happily respond and Christ will meet you at the point of your need.

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