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Study to show yourself approved to God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing** the word of truth. [2 Tim 2:15]

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|  | **Before Christ's Sacrifice** | **After Christ's Sacrifice**  **[Acts, Romans...]** | **Dispensation of the Mystery [Acts 28:28-31, Ephesians-Philippians-Colossians-2 Timothy...]** |
| Works/Grace/ Forgiveness | “Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?”  “... if thou wilt enter into life, **keep the commandments** ...” [Matt 19:16-18]  But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, **neither will your Father forgive your trespasses** [Matt 6:15] | For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever **believeth in him** should not perish, but have everlasting life. [John 3:16]  And by him *(Jesus, v. 33)* **all that believe are justified from all things**, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. [Acts 13:39] | For by grace **are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. [Eph 2:8-9]  And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you**. [Eph 4:32] |
| Israel | **Go not into the way of the Gentiles**, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not. [Matt 10:5]  But he *(Jesus, v. 21)* answered and said, **I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.** [Matt 15:24] | **for the hope of Israel** I am bound with this chain. [Acts 28:20]  the gospel of Christ ... salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. [Rom 1:16]  Gentiles ... graffed in among them *(Israel, v.7)* [Rom 11:13,17] | Be it known therefore unto you, **that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles**, and *that* they will hear it. [Acts 28:28]  If ye *(Gentiles, v. 3:1)* have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: [Eph 3:2] |
| *Evidential* miracles | two blind men ... So Jesus had compassion *on them*, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, [Matt 20:30-34] | And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. [Mark 16:17-18] | Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. [1 Tim 5:23]  but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick. [2 Tim 4:20]  Epaphroditus ... was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; [Phil 2:25-27] |
| Time | Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you **from the foundation** of the world: [Matt 25:34] | Father, ... thou lovedst **me** *(Jesus, v. 1)* before the foundation of the world [John 17:24] | According as he hath chosen us in him **before the foundation of the world**, [Eph 1:4] |
| Place | Arise, walk through the land in the **length** of it and in the **breadth** of it; for I will give it unto thee *(Abraham)*. [Gen 13:17] | Abraham ... looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker *is* God [Heb 11:8-10]  And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God ... **The length and the breadth and the height** of it are equal. [Rev 21:2,16] | and made *us* sit together **in heavenly *places*** in Christ Jesus [Eph 2:6]  May be able to comprehend with all saints what ***is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height**; [Eph 3:18] |
| Prophesy | But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. [Matt 26:56] | I *(Paul, v. 1)* continue ... witnessing ... none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:  [Acts 26:22] | the mystery ... Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men [Eph 3:3,5] |
| Bride/  Bridegroom |  |  | Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man *(=husband)* [Eph 4:13] |
| The return of the Lord | what *shall be* the sign of thy **coming** (παρουσία, *parousia*)? [Matt 24:3] | the **coming** (παρουσία, *parousia*) of the Lord ... to meet the Lord in the air: [1 Thes 4:15,17] | When Christ, *who is* our life, shall **appear** (φανερόω, *faneroō*), then shall ye also appear with him in glory. [Col 3:4].  The **appearing** (ἐπιφάνεια, *epifaneia*) [1 Tim 6:14, 2 Tim 1:10; 4:1; 4:8, Titus 2:13] |
| Blessings | if thou shalt hearken ... Blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the city, and blessed *shalt* thou *be* in the field. Blessed *shall be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle [Deut 28:2 ff] | So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. [Gal 3:9] | all spiritual blessings [Eph 1:3] |
| Adoption | And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel *is* my son, *even* my firstborn: [Ex 4:22] | Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, [Rom 9:4] | Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, [Eph 1:5] |
| Baptism | all our fathers ... were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and **in the sea** [1 Cor 10:1-2] | For John truly baptized with **water**; but ye shall be baptized with the **Holy Ghost** not many days hence. [Acts 1:5] | *There is ...*  **one** baptism [Eph 4:4-5] |

All dispensations are in Christ

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| Christ | The book of the generation of Jesus Christ [Matt 1:1] | Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, [Rom 1:3] | all spiritual blessings ... in Christ. [Eph 1:3] |