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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 teacher, what good *thing* am I to do in order that I may have age-abiding life?”  “... if you wish to enter into life, **keep the commandments** ...” [Matt 19:16-18]  But if you do not forgive men their transgressions, **neither will your father forgive your transgressions**. [Matt 6:15] | For God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten son, so that everyone who **believes in him** should not be lost, but have age-abiding life. [John 3:16]  and *that* through this *man* *(Jesus, v. 33)* **everyone who believes is justified from all *the things*** from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. [Acts 13:39] | for **you have been saved by grace**, through faith, and this *is* not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God, not of works, so that no-one should boast, [Eph 2:8-9]  but be kind to each other, compassionate, forgiving one another as **God has for his part forgiven us in Christ**. [Eph 4:32] |
| Israel | “**Do not go off into *the* way of *the* Gentiles** and do not go into *any* city of *the* Samaritans, [Matt 10:5]  But he *(Jesus, v. 21)* answered and said, “**I have not been sent except to the lost sheep of *the* house of Israel**.” [Matt 15:24] | I have this chain round me **for the sake of the hope of Israel**.” [Acts 28:20]  the gospel of Christ ... salvation to everyone who believes, to *the* Jew first and also to *the* Greek. [Rom 1:16]  Gentiles ... have been grafted into them *(Israel, v.7),* [Rom 11:13,17] | So let it be known to you that **the salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles**, and they will hear *it*.”. [Acts 28:28]  if indeed you *(Gentiles, v. 3:1)* have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which *has been* given to me for you: [Eph 3:2] |
| *Evidential* miracles | two blind *men* ... And Jesus had compassion *on them* and touched their eyes, and immediately their eyes recovered their sight, [Matt 20:30-34] | And these signs will closely follow those *who have* believed. They will cast out demons in my name; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will not harm them at all; they will lay hands on the infirm, and they will get better. [Mark 16:17-18] | Don't *just* drink water any longer, but use a little wine on account of your stomach and your frequent illnesses. [1 Tim 5:23]  but I left Trophimus ailing in Miletum. [2 Tim 4:20]  Epaphroditus ... for he did indeed fall *so* ill *that he was* near to death, but God had mercy on him, [Phil 2:25-27] |
| Time | the king will say to those on his right *hand side*, ‘Come, my father's blessed *ones*, inherit the kingdom prepared for you **from *the* overthrow** of *the* world. [Matt 25:34] | Father, ... because you loved me *(Jesus, v. 1)* **before *the* overthrow** of *the* world. [John 17:24] | according to *how* he chose us in him **before *the* overthrow** of *the* world, [Eph 1:4] |
| Place | Arise and walk about in the land, **in its length and in its breadth**, for I will give it to you *(Abraham)*. [Gen 13:17] | Abraham ... was waiting for the city which has foundations, whose architect and craftsman *is* God. [Heb 11:8-10]  And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God ... the **length and the breadth and the height** of it are equal. [Rev 21:2,16] | and seated *us* together in the **upper-heavenly *places*** in Christ Jesus, [Eph 2:6]  that you ... may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what **the breadth and length and depth and height** *are*; [Eph 3:18] |
| Prophesy | But all this took place so that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. [Matt 26:56] | I *(Paul, v. 1)* stand witnessing to both small and great, not saying anything outside of what the prophets and Moses said would take place, [Acts 26:22] | the mystery ... which was not made known to other generations, to the sons of men, [Eph 3:3,5] |
| Bride/  Bridegroom |  |  | until we all attain the unity of the faith and of acknowledgment of the son of God, to a perfect man, *(=husband)* [Eph 4:13] |
| The return of the Lord | and what the sign of your coming (παρουσία, *parousia*) *is*? [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, **is manifested** (φανερόω, *faneroō*), then you also will be manifested 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 you obey the voice ... Blessed you *will be* in the town, and blessed you *will be* in the country. Blessed *will be* the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your land and the fruit of your cattle – the offspring of your oxen and the issue of your flock animals. [Deut 28:2 ff] | so that those *who are* of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. [Gal 3:9] | every spiritual blessing [Eph 1:3] |
| Adoption | And you will say to Pharaoh, ‘This *is what* the Lord says, «Israel *is* my son, my firstborn ... » ’ [Ex 4:22] | Israelites, who *have* the adoption, [Rom 9:4] | having appointed us beforehand for adoption through Jesus Christ to him, [Eph 1:5] |
| Baptism | our fathers ... all had themselves baptized into Moses in the cloud and **in the sea** [1 Cor 10:1-2] | For John baptized with **water**, but you will be baptized with **holy spirit** in not many days' time. [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* lineage of Jesus Christ [Matt 1:1] | Concerning his son ... Jesus Christ our Lord, [Rom 1:3-4] | every spiritual blessing ... in Christ. [Eph 1:3] |