

## Taken from Charles Bakers Dispensational Relationships:

### “SUBJECTS SPECIALLY RELATED TO DISPENSATIONAL TRUTH

There is a great deal of truth in the Bible, which is not dispensational in character. This type of truth may be called **DOCTRINAL TRUTH** in order to distinguish it from **DISPENSATIONAL TRUTH**. The unchanging attributes of God, the nature and character of God, and the principles of morality are of this nature. However, the word "doctrinal" is not the best word to use in this connection. Doctrine means teaching, and since we have teaching concerning the dispensations, we can and do speak of the doctrine of the dispensations. Probably one of the best distinctions between these two types of truth is that used by Cornelius R. Stam in his *Things That Differ*. He speaks of dispensational truth, which differs from one dispensation to another as:

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Truth remaining the same through all dispensations is: **HORIZONTAL TRUTH**

The metaphor of a vertical line indicates that a new truth has been injected into the course of events, whereas a horizontal line indicates truth which runs through all dispensations.

Some dispensational truths take on more or less of a horizontal character. In other words, they may run through several dispensations. Similarities of truth or expressions do not necessitate the same meanings within different dispensations. Overt distinctions however help bracket the different ages. The subjects of human government, conscience, promise, and grace are of this character. In fact, it is almost impossible to strictly separate and classify all of the teachings of the Bible into these two distinct categories. Almost any doctrine we might consider has some dispensational relationships. That is why we cannot rightly understand any subject in the Bible apart from dispensational truth. Take even the doctrine of the Godhead; if there is any unchanging truth, this is surely it. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And yet, the incarnation of the Son of God surely brought about a change. Before His human birth He did not possess a human body and a human nature. After His death and resurrection He had a glorified body which was different from the natural body in which He lived on earth. In His divine nature He did not change; in His human nature He did. In His manifestation, ministry, and message He has surely changed. Unless these changes are taken into account, we will never understand the doctrine of Christology in the Bible.”

## Along with Bakers comments we submit, nineteen distinctions in the New Testament that demand a VERDICT

Here are those stark verses, which when compared, beg for attention, Especially those, which lie in contrast between the Lord's earthly teachings compared to Paul's in his epistles.

For example:

1 - Matthew 8:4 "And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the **gift** [see other translations rightly render gift as oblation or offering]

The instruction given the leper is actually a reference to Leviticus 14:4 "Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:"

Paul forbids the offering of sacrifices. Galatians 3:10 "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them."

2 - At one point in the Lords earthy ministry he expressly forbids the twelve to go to the gentiles, Mt 10:5 "These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles**, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:"

Of course Paul was the Apostle of the gentiles and his major time was spent in their company Acts 9:15 "But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:"

3 - The Lord told the twelve that they would rule on twelve thrones on the earth, Matthew 19:28 "And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, **ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones**, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Paul says our seat of government is in the **third** heavens. Eph 2:6 "and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly [*epouranios-upon the heavens or super heavens*] places in Christ Jesus:"

4 - The Lord told the twelve in Luke 10:44 "**carry neither purse**, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way."

But Paul tells us to work with our hands 2Th 3:10 "for even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."

5 - The Lord sent the twelve out to baptize the nations Matthew 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:"

But Paul said he was not sent to baptize, 1 Corinthians 1:17 “For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.”

**6** - The Lord instructs the twelve about their prayer promises as having all authority in Heaven. Matthew 21:22 “**and all things**, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.”

Also - Matthew 18:19 “verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

But Paul in Phil 4:6 + 7 says “be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

**7** - The Lord endows the twelve’s ministry with great power, Luke 10:19 “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and **nothing shall by any means hurt you.**”

Paul tells Timothy to – “drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach’s sake and thine often infirmities.” 1 Timothy 5:23

**8** - The Lord tells the twelve the conditions during his return to the earth as being characteristic of the days of Noah when those taken were taken in judgment, and those left were saved. Matthew 24:37-41 “But **as the days of Noe were**, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; **the one shall be taken, and the other left.**”

Contrariwise, Paul says those taken are raptured to heaven and those left are left in judgment. 1 Thessalonians 4:17 “then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

**9** - The Lord marks his followers as possessing great signs and miracles, and speaking in tongues, Mark 16:17 “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.”

But Paul says tongues will cease, 1 Corinthians 13:8 “Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.”

**10** - The Angelic role is **reversed** during the Lord's ministry on earth. They rule and instruct the twelve. Luke 1:11 "and there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense." Luke 1:13 "But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John." Luke 1:18 "and Zacharias said unto the angel, whereby shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years." Luke 1:19 "And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings." Acts 5: 19 + 20 "But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life." Matthew 28:7 "and **go quickly**, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: **lo, I have told you.**"

Paul says we instruct + will judge angels. 1 Corinthians 6:3 "Know ye not that we shall judge angels? How much more things that pertain to this life? Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,"

**11** - The Lord refers to the Greek Syrophenician woman as a **dog**, a term of reproach indicating Jewish superiority over gentile nations in the Kingdom program. Mark 7:27+28 "But Jesus said unto her, let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, **and to cast it unto the dogs**. And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs."

Paul speaks of neither Jew nor gentile in the body program, showing no respecter of persons or nationality. Galatians 3:28 "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

**12** - Temple worship was the designated place to praise God as practiced by the Lord. Luke 4:16-20 "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, **he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day**, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him."

Paul says church was held in saint's houses. Romans 16:5 "Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ."

**13** - When the Lord was on the earth, **Sabbath observation was the day to collectively worship God** as evidenced by the above reference in Luke 4:16-20.

Paul says not to observe certain days. Colossians 2:16 “Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the Sabbath days:”

**14** - The Lord and his parents observed the Passover feast. Luke 2:41 “Now his parents **went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the Passover**. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast.”

Paul instructs again no observance of days. Galatians 4:8-10 “Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.”

**15** - Jewish Kingdom dietary laws restricted various forms of food while eating and company with gentiles. Galatians 2:12-13 “For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.”

Acts 11:7-8 “And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat. But I said, not so, Lord: **for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.**”

But Paul says, 1 Timothy 4:4-5 “For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer”

**16** - Dietary Kingdom food laws, Heb 9:10 “**Which stood only in meats and drinks**, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.”

Paul says 1Ti 4:3+4 “forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:”

**17** – Jewish Kingdom forgiveness conditional on believer’s treatment of others. Matthew 6:14-15, Jesus teaches that we must forgive others in order for us to be forgiven. “For **if ye forgive men their trespasses**, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

But in Ephesians 4:32, Paul teaches that we should forgive others because we have already been forgiven. “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”

**18** – Theocratic civil judgment in practice while the Lord walked on earth and for a short time during acts. Hebrews 10:28 “**He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy** under two or three witnesses:”

But Paul says 1Corinthians 4:5 “Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.”

**19** – Where will we spend the future? The Lord Said – Matthew 5:5 “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit **the earth.**”

Paul said – Philippians 3:20 “For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:”