

GOD'S CHANGING INSTRUCTIONS

READING THE BIBLE DISPENSATIONALLY

"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son... "
- Hebrews 1:1-2a

1. Progressive Revelation

- a. At sundry times and divers manners spake - Heb 1:1
- b. He spoke to Paul last of all – Acts 22:9; 1 Cor 15:8
- c. Not everyone knew the whole thing:
 - i. Prophets searched diligently - 1 Peter 1:10-11
 - ii. John the Baptist was unsure about Christ – John 1:33; Matt 11:2
 - iii. The disciples were ignorant of the cross – Luke 9:6; 43-45
 - iv. Take a scrip or no scrip? Luke 9:3 & Luke 22:35-36
 - v. You cannot bear them now – John 16:12-13; 1 John 2:20
 - vi. It is not for you to know - Acts 1:6-7
 - vii. Having made known - Ephesians 1:9

2. God's Changing Instructions – There are different instructions

- a. Plowshares and pruning hooks – Micah 4:3; Joel 3:10
- b. Peace on earth – Luke 2:13-14; NAY! - Luke 12:51
- c. Sabbath day importance - Exodus 20:8, 31:15; Col 2:16; Gal 4:9-10

3. God's Changing Dietary Instructions

- a. Vegetarians in the garden - Genesis 1:28-30
- b. Carnivorous after the flood – Genesis 9:1-4
- c. Only clean animals after the Law – Lev 11:1-3, 9,20-23,27
- d. Don't worry about chasing them – Matt 6:25
- e. Paul says you can eat anything with thanksgiving – 1 Tim 4:1-4

4. The Changing Law

- a. It shall be our righteousness - Deut 6:24-25
- b. Did not come to destroy but fulfill - Matt 5:17; 23:1
- c. Daily in one accord in the temple - Acts 2:46
- d. Heb 8:8-10 - the law will be written on their hearts (Heb 7:12)' 1 John 3:24
- e. Abolished in his flesh the enmity of the law - Rom 3:22; Eph 2:15; Gal 3:2

5. Which Gospel?

- a. Repent and be baptized - Matt 3:2; Acts 22:16
- b. Believe Jesus as the Son of God/Messiah - Matt 16:13-17; 20; John 20:31
- c. Believe in Jesus as the Messiah and that he resurrected - Acts 2:23,36; 3:13-16
- d. Believe in the blood of Jesus Christ (death) burial, and his resurrection to life for your justification - 1 Cor 15:1-4; Rom 4:24-25