

LINES OF REASONING

HOW DRAWING LOGICAL LINES CAN BRING UNDERSTANDING

“For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little...”

~ Isaiah 28:10

1. Separating Thoughts

- a. Why do we draw charts? To organize our thoughts, to separate ideas, to make sense.
- b. Holding multiple thoughts in mind at once is difficult. Drawing them out is not.
- c. OT-NT → Israel/Church, Hebrew/Greek, prophets/apostles, BC/AD.
- d. These lines are literary, historical, but do not explain doctrine well – what God is doing.
- e. *Why is there evil in the world? What is right and wrong? Which religion is true? Who is God? Why doesn't God intervene? Why does God allow evil to exist?*

2. Testaments and Covenants

- a. Heb 9:15-18 - First testament v. new testament → Exo 19:5, Exo 24:8
- b. OT = testament of bulls / NT = testament of Jesus
- c. The old testament (law) did not begin for 2500 years (75 chapters)!

3. By One Man

- a. In the beginning it was very good – Gen 1:31
- b. Death entered the world by sin by one man – Rom 5:12
- c. Wages of sin vs the gift of God through Christ - Rom 6:23

4. Until the Law - Promises

- a. The law was 430 years after the promise - Gal 3:16-17
- b. The promise to Abraham of righteousness by faith - Gal 3:5-9
- c. The promises were of Christ, the law to bring us to Christ - Gal 3:24

5. But now – Without the Law

- a. No flesh justified by deeds... but now righteousness by faith of Christ - Rom 3:19-25
- b. To declare “at this time” God’s righteousness in Christ – Rom 3:26
- c. Christ the end of the law for righteousness – Rom 10:4

6. A New Creature

- a. God removed the law so that he could reconcile all things - Eph 2:14-15
- b. Old things passed away – now a new creature - 2 Cor 5:16-17
- c. Not imputing trespasses – committed unto us, “Now then...” – 2 Cor 5:18-21

7. The Gospel

- a. The gospel of your salvation requires resurrection - 1 Cor 15:1-4, 14-17
- b. The disciples preached a gospel ignorant he was risen - Luke 9:1,5 and Luke 18:31-34
- c. Weeping for the missing body of Jesus - John 20:1-11
- d. A dispensation of grace given to Paul for those hereafter – Eph 3:2, 1 Tim 1:16

8. A Kingdom Come

- a. A gospel of the kingdom, the time is at hand - Mark 1:14
- b. The kingdom is not yet - Acts 1:6-8, "not yet" Heb 2:8, 9:28
- c. Remember what was spoken about the promise of his kingdom come – 2 Pet 3:2, 9, 15
- d. Israel is blind until the future - Rom 11:25-27

9. Prophecy vs. Mystery

- a. Mouth of holy prophets since the world began – Luke 1:70, Acts 3:21
- b. Kept secret since the world began – Rom 16:25, purpose before 2 Tim 1:9
- c. What was prophesied subject to what was hidden (now revealed) - 1 Cor 2:7
- d. These lines help us understand what God is doing, when, and answers the big questions people have today with logic and the knowledge of scripture.