

-Ryrie

All who interpret the Bible without making a hopeless jumble of it recognize different dispensations. Hodge clearly teaches four distinct dispensations yet the word dispensation is not specifically used for any one of these. It is a good word to express the fact that God deals == uses different standards ~~at~~ at different times to prove the failure of man apart from His grace, but ~~it seems foolish to make it~~ but one wonders why it should be necessary to make it a fighting word or a word for division among Christians.

You clearly state in your book that all who were saved between the time of Adam and the time of Moses were saved in view of the fact that Jesus would die on the cross and only because of the shed blood of Christ. This fact is far more important than the fact that God gave some of them lives of *pleasant* experience in this world while others endured suffering and misery for His cause.

Peter said to Cornelius that he saw that in every land those who believe in God are accepted by Him

Acts 10:34-35 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

The human race as a whole has turned away from God, yet there were individuals such as Job and Melchizedec who were truly saved, who did not belong to the covenant of Israel.

You state that during the period from Moses to Christ, those Jews who believed in God were saved through His grace by trusting Him, whether they realized the true meaning of the sacrifices as pointing to the death of ~~Christ as pointing~~ to the death of Christ on their behalf or whether their