

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH #10 **DISPENSATION OF THE CHURCH**

John 1:17, Ephesians 2:1-9

While God's grace is present in every dispensation, the "exceeding _____ of his grace" is highlighted in the church age.

THE CHURCH AGE: Resurrection of Christ - Rapture

1. Begins: Difficult to nail down, but... cf. **1 Corinthians 15:1-4**

- The work of Jesus Christ _____ everything!!!
- cf. **1 Corinthians 12:12, 13** - Christ's death, burial, and resurrection made it possible for both _____ and _____ to be saved and to be part of one _____.

2. God's Attribute Revealed: _____

GRACE - the _____ and _____ favor of God as manifested in the _____ of sinners through Jesus Christ

- cf. **Ephesians 3:1-9**
 - v. 2 - This present age is also called "the dispensation of the _____ of God"
 - v. 7-8 - _____ was a recipient of God's grace through Jesus Christ
 - v. 9 - Paul was given grace and was sent preach the gospel of God's grace to the _____

3. Man's Responsibility: _____ on the Lord Jesus Christ

- cf. **Romans 3:19-24**
 - v. 19-20 - The law could not _____ a man
 - v. 21 - The grace of God through Jesus Christ made the _____ of God available to man!
 - v. 22 - The key that unlocks the righteousness of God is _____!
 - v. 23 - The work of Jesus Christ _____ those who believe and it is 100% _____!

4. Man's Test and Failure:

- **cf. 2 Corinthians 4:3, 4** - Many will _____ the free gift of God through Jesus Christ and will be spiritually _____. Their final destination is _____.
- **cf. 2 Timothy 4:2-4** - The church of Jesus Christ will _____ from the truth (apostasy)
- Laodicea, the last of the 7 churches in Revelation, is indicative of the church in the last days:
 - **cf. Revelation 3:16** - _____
 - **cf. Revelation 3:17** - physically _____, spiritually _____
 - **cf. Revelation 3:20** - notice that Jesus Christ is on the _____ of the door of the church

5. God's Judgment:

- Those who reject Jesus Christ and are still alive after the rapture will enter the time of _____ trouble (cf. Jeremiah 30:7), also known as the time of great _____ (cf. Matthew 24:21)
- The saved will be raptured or “_____ ... to meet the Lord in the _____” (cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:17)
 - **cf. 2 Corinthians 5:10, 11** - Sometime after the rapture, yet before the second coming of Christ is the _____ seat of Christ. This is NOT a “heaven or hell” judgment, but instead the saved are judged and rewarded (or not rewarded) according to their _____.

6. Types of Christ:

- _____ - cf. Acts 7:59, 60
 - “receive my spirit” (v. 59) → “into thy hands I commend my spirit” (Luke 23:46)
 - “Lord, lay not this sin to their charge” (v. 60) → “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34)
- _____ - stood before the _____, hated for preaching the _____, endured great trials of _____

7. Lessons for Today:

Even the simplest of instructions cannot be kept, resulting in _____!