

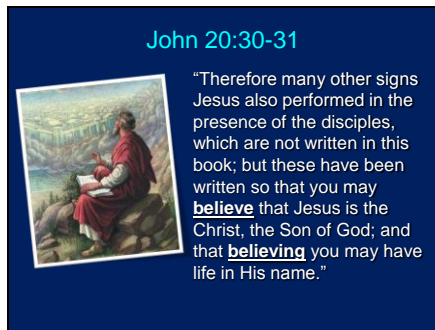
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OUTLINE OF JOHN	
1:1-18	HEAVENLY GENEALOGY (Explains who Jesus is)
1:19-11:57	PUBLIC MINISTRY (7 signs & discourses)
12:1-50	TRIUMPHAL ENTRY (public national rejection of Christ-12:37)
13-17	UPPER ROOM DISCOURSE (new dispensation)
18-21	PASSION NARRATIVES (crucifixion to resurrection)

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7 "I AM" statements in John


I am the Bread of Life	6:35
I am the Light of the world	8:12
I am the Gate for the sheep	10:7; cf. v.9
I am the Good Shepherd	10:11,14
I am the Resurrection and the Life	11:25
I am the Way and the Truth and the Life	14:6
I am the true Vine	15:1; cf. v.5

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Doctrinal Statement




Every true believer is promised positional and ultimate sanctification with the possibility of progressive development in life spiritually, (progressive sanctification) (Heb. 10:10,14; Jn. 17:17; Eph. 5:26,27; 1 Thess. 4:3,4; 1 Jn. 3:2).

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YIELDING TO THE OLD (SIN) NATURE	
Believer's Consequences	Passage(s)
Conviction	(2 Pet 2:7-8; Ps 32:1-5)
Divine discipline	(Heb 12:5-11; Rev 3:19)
Premature death	(Acts 5:1-11; 1 Cor 11:30; 1 John 5:16; Rev 2:22-23)
Loss of reward	(1 Cor 3:15; 9:27; 2 John 8; Rev 3:11)
Loss of fellowship	(1 John 1:9)
Excommunication	(1 Cor 5:4-5; Matt 18:15-17)
Temporal consequences	(Gal 6:7-8)
Unanswered prayer	(Ps 66:18; 1 Pet 3:7)
Loss of testimony	(Gen 19:14)
Loss of leadership privileges	(1 Tim 3:1-13)

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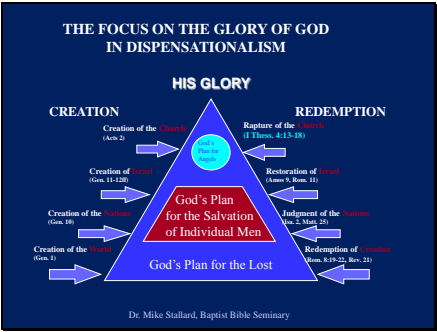
Dispensational Theology is a System of Theology

Traditional-normative dispensational theology is a system that embodies three essential, fundamental concepts called the *sine qua non* (lit. "without which is not"):

1. The **consistent** use of a plain, normal, literal, grammatical-historical method of interpretation;
2. Which reveals that the **Church is distinct from Israel**;
3. God's overall purpose is to bring **glory to Himself** (Eph. 1:6, 12, 14).

Dr. Charles Ryrie, *Dispensationalism*, pp. 38-41

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Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question #1

What is the chief end of man?


Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.

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Mark Twain, *Autobiography*, 2:37


“A myriad of men are born; they labor and sweat and struggle for bread; they squabble and scold and fight; they scramble for little mean advantages over each other. Age creeps upon them and infirmities follow; shames and humiliations bring down their prides and their vanities. Those they love are taken from them, and the joy of life is turned to aching grief. The burden of pain, care, and misery grows heavier year by year. At length ambition is dead, pride is dead, vanity is dead; longing for release is in their place. It comes at last—the only un-poisoned gift earth ever had for them—and they vanish from a world where they were of no consequence; where they achieved nothing, where they were a mistake and a failure and a foolishness; where they left no sign that they have existed—a world that will lament them a day and forget them forever.”

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<u>Positional Truths</u>	<u>Fruit</u>
Inside	Outside
Invisible	Visible
Benefits self	Benefits others
Automatic	Not automatic

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BELIEVER	DISCIPLE
FREE GIFT	COSTLY
RECEIVED THROUGH FAITH	ENTERED INTO THROUGH COMMITMENT AND OBEDIENCE THROUGH THE SPIRIT'S ENABLEMENT AND FAITH
NOT BY WORKS	INVOLVES OUR COOPERATION
INSTANT	LIFE-LONG PROCESS
JUSTIFICATION	SANCTIFICATION
JESUS PAID THE PRICE	BELIEVER PAYS THE PRICE
TRUSTING JESUS AS SAVIOR	FOLLOWING JESUS AS LORD THROUGH THE SPIRIT'S ENABLEMENT
BELIEVE THE GOSPEL	OBEY THE COMMANDS
ONE CONDITION	MULTIPLE CONDITIONS
EXPERIENCED BY ALL CHRISTIANS	EXPERIENCED BY SOME CHRISTIANS
RESULTS IN ETERNAL LIFE	RESULTS IN FRUIT BEARING NOW& REWARDS, AUTHORITY THEN

Adapted from <http://www.gacelife.org/resources/gracenotes.asp?id=2>

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Three Tenses of Salvation			
Phase	<u>Justification</u>	<u>Sanctification</u>	Glorification
Tense	<u>Past</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Future</u>
Saved from sin's:	<u>Penalty</u>	<u>Power</u>	<u>Presence</u>
Scripture	<u>Eph 2:8-9;</u> <u>Titus 3:5</u>	<u>Philip 2:12</u>	Rom 5:10

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Ephesians: What Is Inside?	
1–3	4–6
Relationship	Responsibility
No imperatives	35 imperatives
Orthodoxy	Orthopraxy
Knowledge	Wisdom
Belief	Behavior
Position	Practice
Privileges	Responsibility


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Conclusion



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Tenney-"It is possible that if the text of this discourse was spoken as they walked from the upper room in Jerusalem down into the Kidron Valley and across to the Mount of Olives, they could have seen the great golden vine, the national emblem of Israel, on the front of the temple."

John 13:30-31- So after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night. Therefore when he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him.

John 8:59- Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

Constable-Jesus was teaching that the Father gives special support to believers who are not yet bearing fruit. In viticulture, this involves lifting the branch off the ground, so it will not send secondary roots down into the ground, which would prove unhealthful. Lifting the branch off the ground onto a pole, or trellis, also enables air to dry the branch, and prevent it from getting moldy and becoming diseased.

John 13:10- Jesus *said to him, “He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all *of you*.”

John 6:56- He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

John 8:31- So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine.

John 10:27-29- My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father’s hand.

John 6:37-40- All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.

Tucker-The fall pruning excised all of the leafy vegetation and much of the 'brush-wood' (as Pliny termed it), and it was then in the fall of the year that the significant burning occurred to eliminate the woody branches as they prepared the vine for the winter dormant period."643

Constable-In the fall, the vinedresser would prune (Gr. *kathairo*) the vines for the winter by cutting off the dead wood. He would not cut off the unfruitful branches that could produce grapes the next season, but only the branches that did not have a healthy connection to the vine.

Matt 25:41-"Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels

1 Cor. 3:15- If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

1 Peter 1:6-7-In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various [a]trials, ⁷ so that the [b]proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which [c]is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Heb 6:8-but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close [a]to being cursed, and [b]it ends up being burned.

BKC-Naturally the reference to "burned" has caused many to think of hell, but there is nothing in the text to suggest this...In fact, to think of hell here is to betray inattention to the imagery employed by the author. The burning of a field to destroy the rank growth it had produced was a practice known in ancient times. Its aim was not the destruction of the field itself (which, of course, the fire could not affect), but the destruction of the

unwanted produce of the field. Thereafter the field might be serviceable for cultivation.¹

1 Peter 2:2-like newborn babies, long for the ^[a]pure ^[b]milk of the word, so that by it you may grow ^[c]in respect to salvation.

Ps 119:97-104-O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.⁹⁸ Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, For they are ever ^[a]mine.⁹⁹ I have more insight than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation.¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the aged, Because I have observed Your precepts.¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.¹⁰² I have not turned aside from Your ordinances, For You Yourself have taught me.¹⁰³ How sweet are Your ^[b]words to my ^[c]taste! *Yes, sweeter* than honey to my mouth!¹⁰⁴ From Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

1 John 5:14-This is the confidence which we have ^[a]before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.

Jas 4:2-3-You lust and do not have; *so* you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; *so* you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask ^[a]with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* ^[b]on your pleasures.

2 Tim. 4:7-I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith

¹ Hodges, Z. C. (1985). Hebrews. In J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck (Eds.), *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures* (J. F. Walvoord & R. B. Zuck, Ed.) (Heb 6:7–8). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

Hodges-"How strange that in our day and time we have been told so often that fruitlessness is a sure sign that a person is unsaved. Certainly we did not get this idea from the Bible. Rather, the Bible teaches that unfruitfulness in a believer is a sure sign that one is no longer moving forward, no longer growing in Christ. It is a sign that the Christian is spiritually sick, and until well again, cannot enjoy spiritual success."

Matt. 7:20-23- So then, you will ^[a]know them by their fruits.²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*.²² Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many ^[b]miracles?'²³ And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

Matt. 7:15-Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

Heb 13:20-21-Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep ^[a]through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord,²¹ equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.