

definitely taught in the Scripture and something to stand for, they called them dispensationalists! I've often wish that term dispensational wasn't used any more because to my mind it is a statement that conveys more heat than light. I don't remember ever hearing it used until quite a considerable time after --- I don't remember ever hearing it used when I was at Princeton seminary. I was at Westminster for quite a long time before I heard the term used. It has come to be used by people who think there is nothing worse in the world than a dispensationalist, and by people who think a man is no good unless he's a dispensationalist! I think if you would get any 20 from either group and say, Give me a definition of a dispensationalist, you'd find that there were no two that agreed. It is really a term that does not convey any meaning. I'd like to think of it more like Dr. Walvoord used it jokingly when I saw him in 1965 or 66 up in New York and he was on his way to the meeting in --to the Montreal World's Fair. He was talking about going up there to the World's Fair and he said, I'm going to see whether it's really dispensationalist or not! Or dispensational or not! In other words to the Dallas people it sort of simply means somebody that's good! Someone who is a good Christian. To the Westminster people it means somebody who is bad. Actually I found in the Scofield committee, I found that most of those people you'd call dispensational that when you'd get together and talk about various issues, you might find considerable difference of statement, but when you got together and really discussed things, there were comparatively few issues on which there was much real difference. Those were not issues that I would consider tremendously important. I believe the ~~idea~~ idea of dispensationalism really began----- of course Hodge has a section on the four dispensations. All