

to Christ and praise God for ~~his~~ salvation through Him, the only method of salvation that has ever existed. Thus the lists (no) the existence (???) series(?) of two different dispensations is very vital. A question might be raised whether the situation before the fall should be included as a dispensation or ~~whether~~ whether the time when man was innocent and the time when fallen man was dealt with in grace are sufficiently distinct that it ~~should~~ should not be included within the series at all. Hodge does include it. Hodge makes four dispensations. Hodge of course does not recognize the millennium. I feel that we should certainly recognize the millennium. If we add this to Hodge's four dispensations we have five. Mason Dr. Mason gives a list of eight dispensations, ;but he says that there is considerable disagreement as to whether the first and the last are included as distinct dispensations/ ~~also~~ Also whether the tribulation should be a distinct dispensation is certainly a question.

Some have carried the idea of dispensations to a very harmful extreme. In the movement know as "Ellingerism," which takes the time from the cross to the conversion of Paul as a distinct dispensation, and makes all the Bible apply to other dispensations except just the prison epistles of Paul. We must ~~also~~ always remember that all the Bible is intended for all of God's people at all times, though some of it has particular relevance to one period, and some to another period. Some that was very clear and very relevant a hundred years ago may we may not fully see the relevance of today, and there may be things in the Bible which we see the relevance very clearly today which would have been difficult to understand a hundred years ago.

Thus the flaw in Luther is a human flaw that is found almost universally. We must guard against this flaw. We should not make divisions over lines where God does not make ~~it~~ them, but should recognize that there are only two types of people in the world, those who believe in Christ and are saved, those who are lost and need to hear the message of salvation.