



Seven Administrations: Part II

The fifth administration, the one in which we are now, is the Grace administration and began on the Day of Pentecost.

(Acts 2:1 KJV) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Because the great mystery was only later revealed to the apostle Paul, Christians did not know what had been given to them until later.

(Eph 5:32 KJV) This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Technically, it began with the day of Pentecost, but the revelation of this information did not take place until years later.

(2 Cor 3:7-8 KJV) But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the



children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: {8} How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?

These verses teach about the Law administration [ministration of death], and another one [ministration of the spirit (which is the Grace Administration)]. In this administration, man can receive the gift of holy spirit. This is the first time since the fall of Adam that mankind could freely receive spirit. Prior to the Grace Administration, only those chosen by God could receive

spirit. It was a conditional gift that God would place upon them. When God was finished talking with them, He would remove that spirit. In the Grace administration, man keeps the gift of holy spirit his entire life.

(Rom 5:2 KJV) By whom also we have access by faith [believing] into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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(Rom 5:20-21 KJV) Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: {21} That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

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(Rom 6:1 KJV) What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Sin reigned under the Law, but righteousness reigns under grace. But, this is not an excuse to sin. God wants us to follow His Word in all that we do.

(Gal 2:21 KJV) I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

We must recognize grace and refuse to live by works and Old Testament laws.

(Eph 2:8 KJV) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

All of God's gifts to us are by His grace. None of these things are earned.

The Grace Administration officially ends with the return of Jesus Christ, a subject that is seldom taught in Christian circles.

You may have heard of the 'rapture.' This word is never

used in the King James Version of the bible. Neither is it supported in the Greek text. Its use confuses the average Christian. The 'second coming of Christ' will take place in two parts, not one. The first part is taught in 1 Thessalonians 4. It is when Jesus Christ comes to gather together his saints. The second part is taught in Revelations 19:11ff when Jesus Christ returns to wage war. We are immediately concerned with the first part; Christians won't be here for the second part.

The return of Jesus Christ [the first part of the second coming]

(1 Th 4:14-17 KJV) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. {15} For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. {16} For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the

trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: {17} Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

We are taught that the dead in Christ will rise first. Then those Christians who are alive and remain will follow. This fantastic event happens at the end of the Grace administration.

The sixth administration - the "appearing" or "revelation" administration.

It starts when the Christians of the grace administration are gathered together in the clouds with Jesus Christ. This period is referred to as the revelation administration, and its events are documented largely in Revelations, Ezekiel and Daniel. This period terminates with the great white throne judgment when Satan is destroyed.

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The seventh administration - the "paradise" or "glory" administration

The final administration compliments the original administration. The original administration ended in Genesis 3:23 and 24 and the final administration begins in Revelation 21.

(Rev 21:1 KJV) And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

The new heaven and earth will be a paradise wherein dwells righteousness. There will be no sickness or death.

(Eph 1:10 KJV) That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him:

(2 Pet 3:10-13 KJV) But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great

noise, and the elements shall melt with **fervent heat**, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. {11} Seeing then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, {12} Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with **fervent heat?** {13} Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Much Love in Christ.

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