



FRONTLINE
BIBLE CHURCH

WHO WE ARE

2 STATEMENTS about our Beliefs:

We preserve unity in the church by first agreeing together that we will not allow our differences to become our divisions.

We also preserve unity by placing greater emphasis upon where we agree rather than where we disagree.



Colossians 1:24-27



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WHAT WE BELIEVE: The Church

We believe that all in this dispensation who are saved by faith in Jesus Christ are united together in the one true Church, the Body of Christ, of which He is the Head. God's specific truth of and for this Church was first revealed through the Apostle Paul. This Church began historically with Paul before the writing of his first epistle.



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Colossians 1:27, 1 Corinthians 12:12-13



Some words you should know:

- Church = Ekklesia (Ek-klay-see-ah):
 - Called out group
 - *Ek* = Out
 - *Kaleo* = To call
- Translated mainly as 'church' but also congregation and assembly.

Colossians 1:24, Ephesians 1:22,
Matthew 16:18, Acts 7:38, 19:32



Some words you should know:

- Dispensation = Oikonomia (Oy-con-o-me-a):
 - "House rule"
 - *Oikos* = House
 - *Nomos* = Law
- Translated as 'administration', 'commission', or 'stewardship' in most modern translations.

Colossians 1:25, Ephesians 1:10, 3:2



Some words you should know:

- Mystery = Musterion (Moo-stare-ee-on):
 - Not just something mysterious
 - "truth revealed through divine revelation"
- Some Mystery references:
 - The Body of Christ Church – Colossians 1:25
 - Israel's condition – Romans 11:25
 - The Rapture of the Church – 1 Corinthians 15:51



WHAT WE BELIEVE: Dispensations

We believe that the Holy Scriptures are best understood through the framework of Dispensational Theology. The Bible is clear that God deals in different ways, at different times with different people. These changes in the outworking of God's plan are referred to as "dispensations."



WHAT WE BELIEVE: Dispensations cont'd.

We recognize several distinct dispensations, or administrations, in Scripture. Each is marked by revelation from God specific only to that dispensation.



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The current dispensation, God's plan for the Church, the Body of Christ, the "mystery" revealed to the Apostle Paul, is distinct from God's plan for the nation of Israel. We find in Paul's writings alone the revelation, position and destiny of the Church.



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We should live according to God's
design for THIS dispensation!

Is it TO US vs FOR US?



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YOUR CHALLENGE:

Praise God specifically this week for the access you have to God as members of the Body of Christ in this dispensation.

If you will read a book explaining more of this, I'll give you a copy.

Email me at john@frontlinebible.com.





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