

dispensations. Hodge has a section on the various dispensations. Certainly, there are at least two, the dispensation before the coming of Christ and the dispensation after. There are at least two anybody must realize, at least two dispensations. This does not mean two periods when there were two different methods of salvation. But it means two periods in which the covenant of grace (5 1/2). And there are at least two. Now you take the ~~7~~ systems that say there are seven dispensations, seven is a beautiful perfect number, and so there ought to be seven. In order to get ~~7~~ seven, there are two or three different methods of doing it, and two or three of those are so shadowed that they are very (5 3/4). There are at least two, in view of the teaching of the Scripture about the Millennium, there are <sup>three</sup> certainly ~~seven~~ (6). If someone wants to extend it to make it seven, it may very well be true, but you can't be sure about the seven. But this word dispensationalism is used in so many different senses I don't like it. I know some people to whom if you are a dispensationalist you are just absolutely anathema, you are terrible, I know other people who say you are absolutely no good unless you are a dispensationalist. And yet they use the word in about ten different senses. Now the word covenant theology unfortunately is half as bad as dispensationalism. Because there are some people who use the term covenant, well let's say covenant ~~is~~ theology is anything that has a covenant involved, and of course there are <sup>at Westminster</sup> covenants involved in many ~~is~~ parts of theology. The people <sup>insisted</sup> that when we formed Faith, that we were absolutely contrary to covenant theology because we said that we should not use alcoholic beverages. They said that was contrary to covenant theology. That's utter nonsense. It has nothing to do with covenant theology altogether. If by covenant theology (7) you mean the fact that God the Father and God the Son made a covenant before the foundation of the world to save some out of this lost world, well certainly that is a true Biblical teaching and why should anybody be opposed to it? If on the other hand by covenant theology you mean that there are some people who have got a covenant with the saviour regardless of anything else (7 1/4) in the world they should have faith or bother about it because they are saved and that is that. Well, ~~nobody~~, (7 1/2). now there are other people