

Dispensationalism and Covenant Theology

At various times in ~~my~~ my life I have found myself in company with a group of real Chns° with whom I had much in common, but who felt rather

bitterly against another group of Chns°. Sometimes the ~~gxx~~ group would call ~~itself~~ itself "Dispensationalists," would ~~not~~ almost to think that one was not a real Chn° unless he was a dispensationalist, and might call

those who oppose them "Covenant Theologians." At other times I have been with a group that would express great bitterness toward those whom they called "Dispensationalists."

I have found that I am leaning with the views of some of the leaders in either group with those of some of the leaders in the other. Their views
~~if I were to pick two of three out of each group with whom I felt most at home I would find that they and~~
~~in each group there has always been~~

~~some with whom I felt myself ~~xxx~~ to be very close, and it has been my observation that when I took those who seemed to me to be closest to Scripture in both groups and compared their views they were so similar that they might easily have abandoned~~
gone under either title.

~~xxx~~ There is a great tendency to make much of words, ~~xxx~~ captions and titles, and not to pay sufficient attention to what the titles represent.

Thus if you were to ask a group of people what is meant by "Covenant theology" the probabilities are that a number of very different answers would be received. This is even more true ~~truer~~ if a number of people were to be asked ~~by~~ what they meant by "Dispensationalism." If twenty different

Bible students were, ~~asked~~ *both* including people who greatly revered the idea of dispensationalism, and people who detested it, ~~when asked to define~~ *were* Dispensationalism, ~~I am~~ *is* feel sure that it would be very likely that twenty ~~differe~~ extremely different answers would ~~be~~ *be* given. ~~In~~ *To* my mind both