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Dear Mr. MacKay:

Thank you for your letter of May 30. I am glad to answer your question about the viewpoint of Faith Seminary. Personally, I dislike the word "dispensation" because it is used in so many different senses. It seems to me that it is an entirely distinct question from that of premillennialism, in any event. alism

We at Faith Seminary are strongly convinced that no one ever has been saved or ever will be saved in any other way than through the grace of God based upon the merits of the sacrificial death of Christ at Calvary. We feel that the Bible clearly teaches the unity of the covenant of grace.

We also believe that the Bible was written for all of God's people at all times. Some parts of it have special usefulness in a particular century, and other parts may be most useful to God's people in a different particular situation. We do not believe that it can be divided into sections which are appropriate only for special dispensations.

As far as the Scofield Bible is concerned, the Seminary does not take any position in regard to it. I believe that the individual professors feel pretty much as I do myself. I consider it a very useful book with much in it that is extremely helpful. Like every human book it has its errors. Its notations sometimes contradict one another. There are notations in it which clearly teach the unity of the covenant of grace and other notes which set the Old Testament and the New Testament over against each other in a way that can be very misleading. If attention were directed exclusively to these particular notes, I believe that much harm could be done. However, it is my opinion that the great bulk of users of the Scofield Bible are comparatively little affected by these, but on the other hand receive great benefit from the excellent notes which clearly bring out the great doctrines of the sovereignty of God, salvation through faith alone, the deity of Christ, etc.