

Dear Mrs. Kay:

Your letter has reached me with its inquiry as to the difference between Covenant Theology and Dispensationalism and the position of the Bible Presbyterian Church with regard to this matter.

There are many great doctrines such as the ~~in~~ inerrancy of the Word of God, the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, His ~~sacrificial~~ vicarious atonement for the sins of those who believe on His name, and so forth, that are so clear in the Word of God and so definitely indicated by representative names that there can be no doubt as to what we mean when we speak of them. On all of these great ~~fundamen~~ fundamental doctrines the Bible Presbyterian Church takes a very firm stand as it does also on the matter of pre-millennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ and on the marvelous sovereignty of God in ~~preparin~~ preparing eternal life for His own. Unfortunately, there are some terms which are batted ~~around~~ around rather freely ~~of these~~ without those who use them, ^{sometimes} having much idea what ~~the m-~~ they mean by them. I am afraid that this is true to quite an extent of both of these terms .

When it comes to dispensationalism, there can be no question because the Bible presents different dispensations in which God has manifested His saving power under different external symbols. If we fail to note this we can easily come into great confusion in our study of the Word. The notes ~~i-t-~~ in the Scofield Bible render a great service in making this clear.

Unfortunately there are some who misinterpret the notes ~~in~~ in the Scofield as meaning that before the coming of Christ, people were saved through the keeping of the law ~~and~~ instead of the grace of God. Such a misunderstanding is actually quite inexcusable since the preface to the Scofield Bible makes it very clear that