

Eschatology Pamphlet

Eschatology: The study of the end-times.

Dispensationalism: The belief that Israel and the church are two separate entities, and that God has a plan and purpose for each. The means of salvation are the same for both, faith in Christ alone.

Covenantalism: The belief that Israel has been replaced by the church. The promises and prophecies regarding Israel have been fulfilled in Christ and in the church.

Premillennialism: The belief that Christ will one day physically return to establish a physical kingdom on earth. We live in the time prior to this millennial kingdom. Premillennialism is a part of Dispensationalism

Postmillennialism: The belief that the church is preparing the world and establishing the kingdom for the return of Christ. Postmillennialists have associated with both Covenantalists and Dispensationalists.

Amillennialism: The belief that we are currently living in the kingdom of Christ and that there will be no physical kingdom on earth. Amillennialists are almost always Covenantalists.

Why eschatology matters: 1) It brings **hope**. Despite the different theological views, all agree that Christ reigns and he will reign. We will be comforted and in his presence in the future. 2) Hope for the future promotes **holiness**. 3) How one approaches **eschatology** will determine how one interprets massive sections of the Bible. 4) God would not give us so **many prophetic passages** if he did not mean for us to be **edified** by them.

Although Eschatology is an important subject, not to be ignored, it is not a salvific matter. Our hope, despite our Eschatological views, should always be in Christ. We must remain humble and loving converse with one another on this subject, remember **Christ is our motivation**.