



FCI Faith Group Program

Sukdulang Biyaya!

EXABABALL GRACE

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MID ACTS DISPENSATIONALISM (BY PASTOR JUN YU)

- **Galatians 2:7** – The gospel of uncircumcision (Gentiles) and the gospel of circumcision (Jews) – *May kumakalat na mga katuruan na magkaiba* ang gospel for the Jews (Peter) and the gospel for the Gentiles (Paul). *Hindi ito magkaiba* because there's only one gospel, the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Historical background: Evangelical Community – those outside the Roman Catholic Church.
- But we are non-denominational.
- After the Reformation, there's Covenantal Theology and Dispensationalism Theology.
- Five solas of Reformation led by Martin Luther – Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, according to the scriptures alone, for the glory of God alone.
- We partially believe the Covenantal Theology.
- Dispensationalism: Dispensation – *oikonomia* in Greek – God administers His relationship with man depending on the dispensation (period of time).
- These theologies have bad doctrine but they are not necessarily false teachings or heresy. What's important is the unity in major beliefs. Similarities:
 - Both believe in the authority of the Bible.
 - Both believe that salvation is by grace alone and through faith alone.
 - Although Dispensationalists believe that salvation for the nation of Israel is “faith plus works of the law”.
- Universalism and Inclusionism – heresy, false teachings.
- Ex. Dispensation of Law – we call it the Old Covenant of Law.
 - Old Covenant – Mount Sinai
 - New Covenant – Mount Calvary
- Once the law was fulfilled, the law ended at the cross.
- The day Jesus Christ shed His blood, the New Covenant was ratified. It began after the cross.
- The dividing line between the Old and New Covenant, between law and grace is the cross of Jesus Christ.
- Once in Christ, Jews or Gentiles cease to be their own, they become one in Christ.
- We are non-denominational. We believe the Scriptures.
- However, *may humiwalay at nagtayo ng* mid Acts dispensationalism. *Nilipat nila ang* dividing line. They believe that the church was started by the Apostle Paul (or even Peter). But the church was born by the Holy Spirit during the Pentecost.
- **New Covenant Truth**
- 1. The cross is the dividing line between the Old Covenant of law and the New Covenant of grace.
 - It is the cross because Jesus fulfilled the law.
 - The New Covenant began when His blood was shed. The New Covenant was then ratified or enforced.
 - Declare: “Thank God for the cross!”
 - Those who believe otherwise – it is as if they are saying that the blood of Christ is not enough to end the law; it's an insult to His finished work.
- 2. Once the dividing line is moved from the cross to somewhere else, people will fall into error that will lead to more errors.
 - The dividing line will always be the cross of Jesus Christ.

- 3. There is only one gospel of Christ for both the Jews and the Gentiles. (**Romans 1:16-17**)
 - There is no distinction between Jews and Gentiles before salvation. (**Romans 3:9, 21-24**)
 - a. The only advantage of Jews – *ipinagkatiwala sa kanila ang oracles of God* (Old Testament from Genesis to Malachi) – it’s all about Jesus and what He will do.
 - b. Both (Jews and Gentiles) were under sin before.
 - c. There is no difference or distinction.
 - d. All have sinned and fell short of the glory of God.
 - e. *Parehong nangangailangan ng tagapagligtas, si Hesukristo.*
 - f. It’s all about Jesus who died, was buried, and who rose again.
 - There is no difference between them after salvation. (**Romans 3:29-30**)
 - a. **Ephesians 2:13-18**
 - V13 far off – Gentiles; We were once without God, without covenant, without Christ, without hope.
 - Wall of partition before the cross – Jews are “superior” than the Gentiles.
 - Ex. Roman centurion
 - Jesus broke this wall of partition.
 - Jesus made peace with God; also between the Jews and the Gentiles.
 - *Wala ng wall or hidwaan between these two. Pinag-isa na ni Hesus ang mga Jews at Gentiles.*
 - One body – *Mananampalatayang Hudyo at Hentil.*
 - Declare: “Thank God for the cross!”
 - V18 we both have access by One Spirit to the Father.
 - b. **Acts 15:6-9**
 - Even Peter preached the gospel to the Gentiles.
 - They say Peter – gospel of the kingdom while Paul – gospel of grace.
 - V7 *Salamat sa bibig ng ating Pastora na nagpapahayag ng katotohanan linggu-lingo.*
 - Mouth > Word > Believe > Holy Spirit.
 - V9 God put no difference between the two – Jews and Gentiles – both have purified hearts by faith.
 - God put no difference between male and female, the bondservant and the free.
 - c. Jews, Gentiles, and the church of God. (**1 Corinthians 10:32**)
 - Before the cross – Jews and Gentiles regardless of nationality.
 - After the cross – Jews, gentiles, church of God.
 - We are now the church of God (Greek *ekklesia*).
 - We were called out of Adam to Jesus Christ; out of the Gentiles to the church of God.
 - We are now the church, we are in Christ, with New Covenant, and with hope.
 - d. Paul and Peter preached the same gospel. (**1 Corinthians 15:1-6**)
 - We receive by believing.
 - Scriptures referred here is Old Testament.
 - V5 Paul mentioned Peter (Cephas).
 - Documentary evidence – scriptures, direct witnesses, James and the apostles, Paul in road to Damascus.
 - **1 Corinthians 15:7-11** – Paul persecuted the church of God – so it cannot be him who started the church. It was the Holy Spirit.
 - Paul – I am what I am by the grace of God.
 - *Lahat ng achievements natin*, all by the grace of God.
 - *Lahat ng kung sino tayo at meron tayo ay* all by the grace of God.
 - Always recognize the grace of God in your life and you will remain humble.
 - V11 Whether Paul or they, Peter and the rest, we preach and you believe.

- We can only preach, people must do the believing.
 - We preach healing/prosperity, you believe for your healing/prosperity.
 - Declare: "I believe."
 - **Acts 10:38-40**
 - Peter preached to Gentiles – household of Cornelius.
 - **Acts 9:15:20**
 - Paul was baptized.
 - V20 Paul preached Christ in the synagogues (among Jews).
 - **Acts 13:14-16** – Paul preached the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- e. Jewish and Gentile believers were both baptized in water in the early church. (**Acts 10:44-48**)
- The Gentiles spoke with tongues.
 - The gift of the Holy Spirit is the Holy Spirit Himself.
 - The Gentiles were baptized.
 - These Gentiles received the same Holy Spirit who was received in Pentecost.
 - **Acts 16:14-15** – Lydia in Philippi – first believer in Europe.
 - **Acts 15:30-33**
- f. Peter and Paul wrote to the same audience.
- **1 Peter 1:1** – Gentile cities.
 - **2 Peter 3:1-2, 15-16.**
 - Peter and Paul wrote to the same people, it means they have the same gospel.
- 4. It was the Holy Spirit who gave birth to the church and not the Apostle Paul nor any other apostle. (**Acts 2:1-4, 46-47; Galatians 1:13**)