

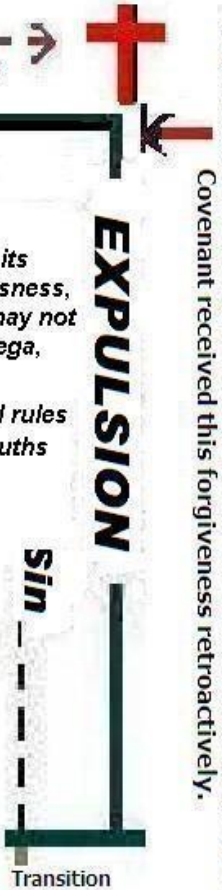
# The Dispensation of Innocence is the First of Seven Dispensations of God

The Steward of the first dispensation was with the individual man who was in perfect fellowship with God, but man failed causing a break in his relationship with God. Sin entered the world by man's lack of trust and disobedience thereby breaking the rules of the administration.

In breaking the rules of the dispensation, sin entered the world and from the sin to the expulsion was the transition; the expulsion from the Garden of Eden was the punitive judgment ending the dispensation.

**CREATION**

1. The universal Truths in all dispensations: God's Holy attributes and character of grace, mercy, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are eternal. God is involved with His creation in sustaining its existence and function. The laws of nature or creation are eternal. There are the eternal truths of truth, holiness, righteousness, justice, sin, and many more found in Scripture. In this dispensation, all universal truths are operating even though they may not be clearly observed. Universal Truths never change and enter into the dispensations - God is still God, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End.
2. Rules or Laws which are new, or changed and unique to the dispensation - Because this is the first dispensation of God, all rules are new and unique for God called them into existence, "ex nihilo" (out of nothing) time, the heavens, the earth, and all the truths which it entail from here on for eternity. Some changes will come as the new dispensations run their course in application without violating universal truths.
3. The New Rule which govern the new or first dispensation's operation in the Garden of Eden: Man was to work, and on the seventh day he was to rest, Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:1-3. God's blessings were given to mankind with His fellowship. Man and woman were given to each other with unique roles for companionship and reproduction in replenishing the earth with children, Genesis 2:28, Mankind was to rule over the earth (stewardship) and subdue it, discovering his abode with wisdom, Genesis 2:26. The fruit of trees were given for food, Genesis 2:30. The Tree of Life was given for food and eternal life, Genesis 3:22 and the Tree of Good and Evil was there to giving mankind the ability to choose and show faith in their Creator by obedience, Genesis 2:9. There was a severe punishment for disobedience (death), Genesis 2:15-17, Romans 5.
4. The ordained Institution of Stewardship - God, angels and man working together in fellowship with each other, Genesis 2:26, Ezekiel 28:13.
5. The Sin of disobedience stemming from a lack of trust or faith, and believing Satan's lie, Romans 5.
6. The Transition from the Dispensation of Innocence to the Dispensation of Conscience is from the sin to the expulsion, Genesis 3.
7. The Punitive Judgment - Expulsion from the Garden of Eden and from the Tree of Life; and a change in man's relationship with God, Genesis 3, Ephesians 2:1-3.



**Creation**

Heavens, Psalms 19:1-6

Earth, Genesis 1:1-18

Watered the earth by Dew

and not Rain, Genesis 2:6

Life, after its kind, plant &

Animals, Genesis 1:19-31

Male & Female in God's

Image, Genesis 1:26

Mankind had no sin, created

to be obedient, freewill, given

restriction, Genesis 2:16, 17

God put man and woman together

in one union, Genesis 2:22

Created Dispensational rule to

follow, Genesis 2:15-25

In breaking the rules of the dispensation, sin came into the world, affecting the whole human race. Man tried to cover up his nakedness; this shows the conscience became operational in mankind. This is why the next dispensation is titled the "Dispensation of Conscience. In their cover up, Adam and Eve blamed someone else for their sin and they tried to cover up their shame or sin with leaves of their own works. In doing this, they fell short of the payment required to atone for their transgression, as it was not sufficient for the covering forgiveness payment needed or required for their sin. God, however, sought out mankind and confronted him with his sin providing a free gift that covered his sin until the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross. The death of Jesus Christ on the cross was a blood sacrifice by God Himself which did provide the needed just payment. Adam and Eve received God's free covering, and thereby experienced salvation. At this point, the Old Covenant, the first stage of the Redemptive Covenant, became operational which God knew from eternity past that mankind would need.

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