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## **TRANSITION BETWEEN TWO DIVINE ADMINISTRATIONS**

Three separate dispensations converge in the Age of the Hypostatic Union. This pivotal era is, therefore, a challenge to accurately interpret.

Christ fulfilled the Old Testament Law and taught His current followers to live apart from Mosaic legalism.

He proclaimed His ruling platform for the millennial kingdom.

Christ unveiled the plan of grace for the Church Age era.

These three dispensations closely put side-by-side divine administrations as well as the presence of Christ Himself, which exhibit the grace, and wisdom of God in paralleled depth and variety. Each dispensation fulfills its own purpose in the overall plan of God. The close similarities are different in divine mandates. Divine policy for each of these dispensations differs significantly from the Mosaic Law. That is why, the Lord Jesus Christ in many occasions said; "You have heard that it was said (in the Mosaic Law). But I say..." (Matthew 5:21-48).

Christ proclaimed the kingdom of God to the Jews in terms of their Mosaic Law frame of reference. He used the Mosaic Law as the foundation and point of departure for explaining the way of life in the promised kingdom under His personal rule.

He ministered to the needs of the Jews by strengthening and expounding the true meaning of the Law. He taught them how to live from the legalistic and ritualistic but degeneracy that was persistent during His time. The Jews misunderstood the Law as the means of salvation and the basis of their self-righteousness (Matthew 5:20, 6:1-18).

Nobody can earn salvation by his or her obedience to the Mosaic Law.

"Because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin" (Romans 3:20). "For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law" (Romans 3:28).

Man in his arrogance, deceives himself by boasting in his obedience to the Law without understanding that the Law brings nothing but sin and death.

"What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "You shall not covet" (Romans 7:7).

The Law revealed the necessity for grace, and the source of that grace is Jesus Christ Himself.

When Israel rejected the grace of God, the Lord Jesus Christ retracted His offer of the kingdom. He announced a new divine system –the mystery doctrine for the Church Age (John 14-17).

In the Millennial kingdom the spiritual and the civil will come under one power system. Christ will rule, not as God ruling over one nation (Israel) but as the God-Man over Israel and the entire world. Divine mandates in the Mosaic Law were imposed to regulate believers and unbelievers in the OT Israel. He deferred His kingdom platform for Israel and introduced another divine system, where the church and state separates are two distinct entities. Christ now controls history in a manner that gives each Church Age believer tremendous and marvelous opportunity (with great responsibility) for having spiritual impact in the world.