



## GLOSSARY

Every community develops their own way of speaking over time. They understand certain words to have a particular meaning and they might use those words differently than another group.

If you are new to Cornerstone or if you've been listening to one of David's teachings and found yourself wondering what he meant when he used the word "dispensationalism" these definitions might help.

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### **AUTHORITY:**

- i) Word based authority gifts given to the Church by Christ.
- ii) Elders who govern the local church.

### **BELIEVERS' BAPTISM:**

Immersion as the required response to repentance and faith.

### **BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

Initial oncoming of power of the Holy Spirit.

### **BATHTUB:**

The container (belief system) in which we hold our beliefs.

### **BELIEF SYSTEM:**

The over-riding reference point that defines what we believe (e.g. Fatalism).

### **BIBLICAL CREATION THEOLOGY:**

An understanding that comes from God's over-riding purpose to overcome evil.

### **CESSATIONALISM:**

The false belief that at the end of the so-called "apostolic age" some gifts ceased (e.g. tongues, miracles, apostles, prophets).

### **CONTINUATIONALISM:**

The belief that all gifts continue until the end of this age.

**COVENANT:**

A binding agreement between two unequal parties. In the Biblical context, God is the instigator and greater party.

**COVERING:**

A false system whereby one has direct authority over another. It is a perversion of correct Biblical covering in the husband/ wife relationship.

**CREATIONISM:**

The belief about origins of the universe and the entrance of sin and death based on literalism rather than on good exposition principles.

**DESTINY:**

Accomplishing God's purpose.

**DISPENSATIONALISM:**

A system that interprets God's dealings with mankind in terms of distinct and successive administrations but with a particular and incorrect view of eschatology, with an emphasis on pre-tribulation rapture with premillennialism.

**DOMINIONISM:**

The false belief that the Church reverses the Fall and takes over the world.

**FAITH:**

The reasonable response to what God has said or done.

**GOD'S ORDER:**

God as the God of Intelligent Design has created all things in their right place. Order is reflected in the universe, in the spiritual realm, in relationships and in the Church.

**GRACE:**

God gives us what we need, His empowering presence.

**HOLY:**

Distinct, separate.

**HYPER GRACE:**

A false term indicating excessive grace leading to lawlessness. Sees grace as being unmerited favour.

**IDENTITY:**

Whom God says we are, our unique individuality.

**INCARNATION:**

The self-limitation of God, the Word, in the form of humanity.

**JUDGMENT:**

God's evaluation in the light of His goodness.

**KINGDOM:**

Where God's rule is uncompromised.

**LEADERSHIP (CHURCH):**

The principle of God's order as expressed through ultimate male authority (it does not follow that all men have authority over all women).

**LEGALISM:**

Adding to the principles of salvation through grace and faith alone.

**LITERALISM:**

A false belief system that requires the whole of Scripture to be interpreted literally, irrespective of literary form or context.

**MAMMON:**

The ungodly power that stands behind monetary systems, leading to false worship.

**MARRIAGE:**

An exclusive and lifelong covenant entered into between a man and a woman.

**MERCY:**

God withholds judgment in order to give opportunity for repentance.

**NEW APOSTOLIC:**

The false belief system that God has restored apostles to the Church in these last days. The apostolic role exceeds the Scriptural model.

**ORTHODOXY:**

Belief that has become acceptable through tradition; not necessarily a test of truth.

**PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE:**

The lens and predisposition that determines what we believe and how we live.

**PROSPERITY:**

A false gospel promising wealth if a formula is followed: a Word of Faith teaching.

**PROVIDENCE:**

God's continuing care for His creation.

**RAPTURE:**

A non-Biblical word usually referring to the false idea that believers will be taken out of the world before the period of Tribulation at the end of this age.

**RELATIVISM:**

A [non-Biblical] doctrine that knowledge, truth, and morality exist in relation to culture, society, or historical context, and are not absolute.

**RENEWAL:**

The process that believers and churches engage in the pursuit of ever increasing conformity to the nature of Christ.

**RESTORATIONISM:**

Restorationism is a false eschatological belief system that disconnects the continuity of the Church Age. It sees gifts that from the Early Church that were lost, being restored towards the end of the age.

**REVIVAL:**

God's judgment upon a wayward Church in which a righteous remnant are brought back to an authentic expression.

**RIGHTEOUSNESS:**

Having right standing with God.

**SACRAMENTALISM:**

"Done in the doing": a religious rite done by an authorized individual to another individual. It is believed that a benefit is conferred in the performance of the ritual. There is no biblical mandate for sacramentalism.

**SANCTUARY:**

The Old Testament inner place in the Temple in which God dwelt. Inappropriately used as the main hall in a church building where "worship" takes place. This is contrary to the New Testament understanding that God dwells in His people.

**SALVATION:**

God's free act of rescuing fallen people from the Kingdom of Darkness, through the sacrifice of Jesus.

**SEARCH FOR SIGNIFICANCE:**

Seeking significance outside of God's purposes.

**SELF DETERMINATION:**

A rebellious attitude that puts self-interest above God's purposes.

**SIN:**

Failing to reach God's standard, an integral part of the fallen state.

**Spiritual gifts:**

A manifestation of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in a specific form for a particular purpose, e.g., a message of wisdom.

**SPIRITUAL WARFARE:**

Usually denotes a false belief system in which the ungodly powers are engaged and defeated through various formulae.

**THEODICY:**

The justification of the goodness of God in the face of suffering and evil.

**THEOPHANY:**

A visible appearance of God in a limited and temporary form.

**TITHING:**

The practice of obligatory giving (usually 10%) and part of the Sinai Covenant. Not applicable in the New Testament. Under the New, God requires everything.

**TRINITY:**

The understanding that God has a triune nature. Refer to articles for a more detailed discussion.

**VESTED INTEREST:**

An obstacle to accepting Truth because of a perceived benefit that comes from an accepted position.

**WORD OF FAITH:**

A false belief system that believes that faith is an independent power source. It is controlled by the use of words. It is a form of magic.

**WORLDVIEW:**

The eyes through which we see and interpret our world, society and beliefs.

**WORSHIP:**

That which defines the distinction between who God is and who we are. Therefore, either as individuals or when we gather together as Church to worship, it includes everything that we do.