

Pretribulational Dispensationalism Leads to Heresy

- 1. Pretribulational Dispensationalism teaches a rigid distinction between Israel and the Church.**
- 2. They say the tribulation is “for Israel” but “not for the Church.”**
- 3. Therefore, any Christian alive during the tribulation *cannot* be part of the Church.**
- 4. When followed through to its natural and logical conclusion, this belief leads to heresy.**

Fact #1:

There will be a great multitude of Christian saints alive and on the earth throughout the whole Great Tribulation.

Christian Saints:

- Revelation 5:8
- Revelation 8:3,4
- Revelation 11:18
- Revelation 13:7,10
- Revelation 17:6
- Revelation 19:8

“Our Brethren”

“...the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.”

(Revelation 12:10–11)

**According to Pretribulational
Dispensationalism, these saints cannot be
part of the Church because if they were, it
would violate the foundational tenets of
Dispensationalism.**

Fact#2:

**These saints are born again,
because in order to be saved, one
must be born again.**

Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” “How can anyone be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked him. “Can he enter his mother’s womb a second time and be born?” Jesus answered, “Truly I tell you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I told you that you must be born again.

(John 3:3–7)

“If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

(Romans 8:10-11)

“And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.”

(Romans 8:23)

Fact #3:

**Everyone who is born again is part
of the One Body of Christ!**

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

(1 Corinthians 12:13)

“so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

(Romans 12:5)

**“Is not the cup of blessing which we
bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is
not the bread which we break a sharing
in the body of Christ? Since there is one
bread, we who are many are one body;
for we all partake of the one bread.”**

(1 Corinthians 10:16–17)

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.

(1 Corinthians 12:12)

**“But now there are many
members, but one body.”
(1 Corinthians 12:20)**

Fact #4:

The Body of Christ is the Church

“the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”
(Ephesians 1:22–23)

“He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.”

(Colossians 1:18)

“Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions.”

(Colossians 1:24)

Fact #5:

Pretribulational Dispensationalism teaches Tribulation Saints are NOT part of the Church. Many actually teach they will be saved by works. This is heresy, another Gospel.

The everlasting Gospel (Rev. 14:6). This is to be preached to the earth-dwellers at the very end of the great tribulation and immediately preceding the judgment of the nations (Mt. 25:31, refs.). **It is neither the Gospel of the kingdom, nor of grace.** Though its burden is judgment, not salvation, it is good news to Israel and to those who, during the tribulation, have been saved (Rev. 7:9–14; Lk. 21:28; Psa. 96:11–13; Isa. 35:4–10).

— The Scofield Reference Bible, p 1343.

Fact #6:

**Those Who Preach
Another Gospel are
Cut off and Accursed**

“I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away from him who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are troubling you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, a curse be on him! As we have said before, I now say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, a curse be on him! For am I now trying to persuade people, or God? Or am I striving to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.”

(Galatians 1:6–10)