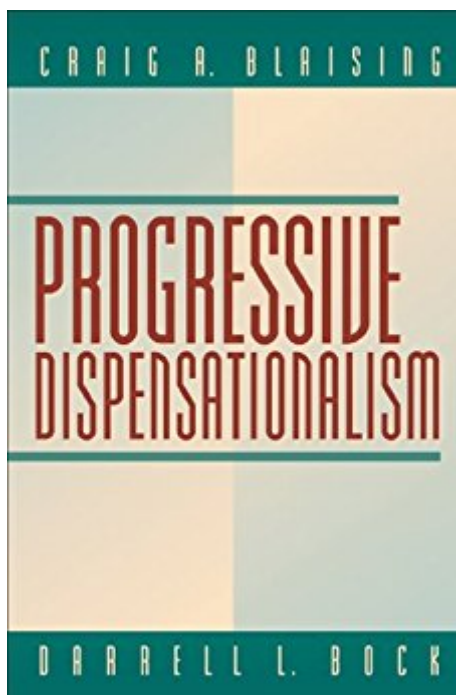


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Customer Reviews

After attempting to read Saucy's "The Case for Progressive Dispensationalism", I found Blaising and Bock much easier reading. It is still moderately difficult and moderately dry, but a much better book. Blaising and Bock did a great job of starting at the ground floor, not requiring readers to employ seminary terminology. They did an especially good job of laying out the history of Dispensational Theology from Darby, Scofield and Moody to Ryrie, Walvoord, and the era of Adrian Rogers. If you have the stomach for serious theology, you might appreciate Progressive Dispensationalism which posits the church in the midst of God's current kingdom without undermining the clear prophecies of Israel's special future as a specially prophesied end-time kingdom. I agree with such theology. One must forgive the writers for a small amount of bias, especially in their loose use in chapter four of the word *oikonomia* as "dispensation" when they find it convenient, yet translating the same word as

stewardship or management as convenience better suits them too. In similar fashion, they apparently say on page 126 that the current dispensation is called a down payment toward the end-time kingdom in Eph 1:13 which passage says nothing of the sort. As with any good book, we separate the useful teaching from those things which have been stretched a bit too far with good intent.

really enjoyed this book! it was very well laid out and helped to explain the progression in dispensational thought since its advent. personally, it was helpful for me to see the connectedness of the various covenants as being progressive historical revelations of God's redemptive plan. despite the accusation by some classic/revised dispensationalists, this book did not present a covenant theology view. the only thing i would like to have seen is more treatment on the specific role of israel in light of the current dispensational epoch. overall, a great read!

This is still one of the key concepts that Christian leaders need to deal with. The view on the street is that the topic is controversial. Yet, it is something the most simple believer deals with every time they try to determine why on earth God would have said what he did in the Bible.

This book is a wonderful addition to the library of anyone interested in the subset of Progressive Dispensationalism. It should be read in conjunction with Ryrie's revised edition of Dispensationalism and Saucy's book on the subject.

I am not a Christian with fanciful theological degrees from one of the acclaimed seminaries. No, I'm strictly a lay believer who loves the Lord and strives to understand His ways and His will. Before coming to this book, I had studied the Bible with more than 30 commentaries and thought I knew something about God's Word. Boy, was I self-deceived. You see, I had never ventured into the area of Biblical Theology (as opposed to Systematic Theology). I had always considered divine covenants to be nothing more than an historical footnote in the history of Israel, with little relevance for today's believer. Thanks to this book I now understand how covenants are probably the most important theme in Holy Scripture. No, you don't need to be a dispensationalist to learn from this book (I'm not one). And don't be fooled by people who harbor strong suspicions about dispensational theology. There's nothing heretic about it's latest iteration, Progressive Dispensationalism. In fact, this book has only a relatively minor chapter on dispensations. Most of the book focuses on two important biblical themes: the covenants and the Kingdom of God. One

warning though: If you are a non-scholar like me, you'll probably find this book boring. But push your way through the pages and by the time you get to see how one covenant links to the next before finally arriving at the New Covenant, you will see the glorious redemptive plan of God. And when you get to the final chapter of the book, your soul will be overflowing with praise for the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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This book did a good job of explaining the Kingdom of God and heaven. Once they did this they then forced a correct understanding of the kingdom into a dispensational framework, thereby doing it an injustice to their work on the kingdom.

This is a really good book. Very thorough and well written. I recommend it for academic reading. It is not casual reading.

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