

Most "Christians" agree as to what the Bible **says**. But there are many differing opinions as to how the Bible is to be interpreted, or how it all **fits together**." Some believe the Bible speaks of man having "free will" while others disagree and believe it teaches absolute "determinism." Some believe the Bible teaches that Believers can lose their salvation, while others see the Bible teaching "once-saved-always-saved." There are many different opinions as to various specific teachings ... and all claim their authority from the Bible. But they cannot all be correct. We must strive to be "an unashamed worker, correctly cutting the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15), as opposed to simply accepting ANY "system of theology" that is handed to us by Bible scholars, teachers or preachers. (Keep in mind they disagree significantly, and cannot all be right!)

COMMON BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

	C		D				
	R	THIS LIFE	E	LIFE TO COME			
	E		A	(Heaven or Hell)			
	A		T				
	T		H	"ETERNAL LIFE"			
	I			or			
	O			"ETERNAL PUNISHMENT"			
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But this "system of theology" is very simplistic. It ignores many distinctions made in God's Word that reveals to us how God works in various times in history. We are called not just to read God's Word, but to "correctly cut" or "rightly divide" it. This means more than learning or memorizing Scripture ... it implies a careful study to determine "how it all fits together."

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD (2 Timothy 2:15)

BEFORE THE EONS	FIRST EON	D	SECOND EON	F	THIRD EON	2	FOURTH EON	N	LAST EON	A	AFTER THE EONS
	(Gen 1:1)	I	(Gen 1:3)	L	Present wicked eon	N	1000 Year Reign	E	New Heavens/Earth	L	
		S		O	<i>Galations 1:4</i>	D	<i>Rev 20; Mt 25:31</i>	W	<i>Revelation 21-22</i>	L	<i>1 Corinthians 15</i>
		R		O	<i>Ephesians 1:21</i>						
1 Cor 2:6-8		U		D	<i>Ephesians 2:2</i>	C	<i>Christ Reigns</i>	E	<i>Christ Reigns</i>	S	<i>Christ gives up kingdom</i>
2 Tim 1:9-10		P				O	<i>Life on the earth</i>	A	<i>Life on the earth</i>	U	
Titus 1:1-3		T				M	<i>Life in the heavens</i>	R	<i>Life in the heavens</i>	B	<i>Life for all</i>
		I			End of the eon	I	<i>(Eonian Life)</i>	T	<i>(Eonian Life)</i>	J	<i>Incorruptible Bodies</i>
		O			(Matt 24:14)	N		H		E	
		N				G	* or *		* or *	C	GOD ALL IN ALL
					Great Tribulation					T	
					(Revelation)		Second Death		Second Death	E	Death abolished
										D	

While the individual eons are not directly referred to as "First Eon," "Second Eon," etc ... a study of Scripture will reveal a clear distinction between the various eons. Whereas "Common Theology" makes no distinction between the individual eons, there are many references to specific "eons," or periods of time. Our "theology" (thinking about God) must take into account the distinctions made in Scripture in order for us to have an understanding of how God is working thru the ages. This requires a careful study with close attention to details.