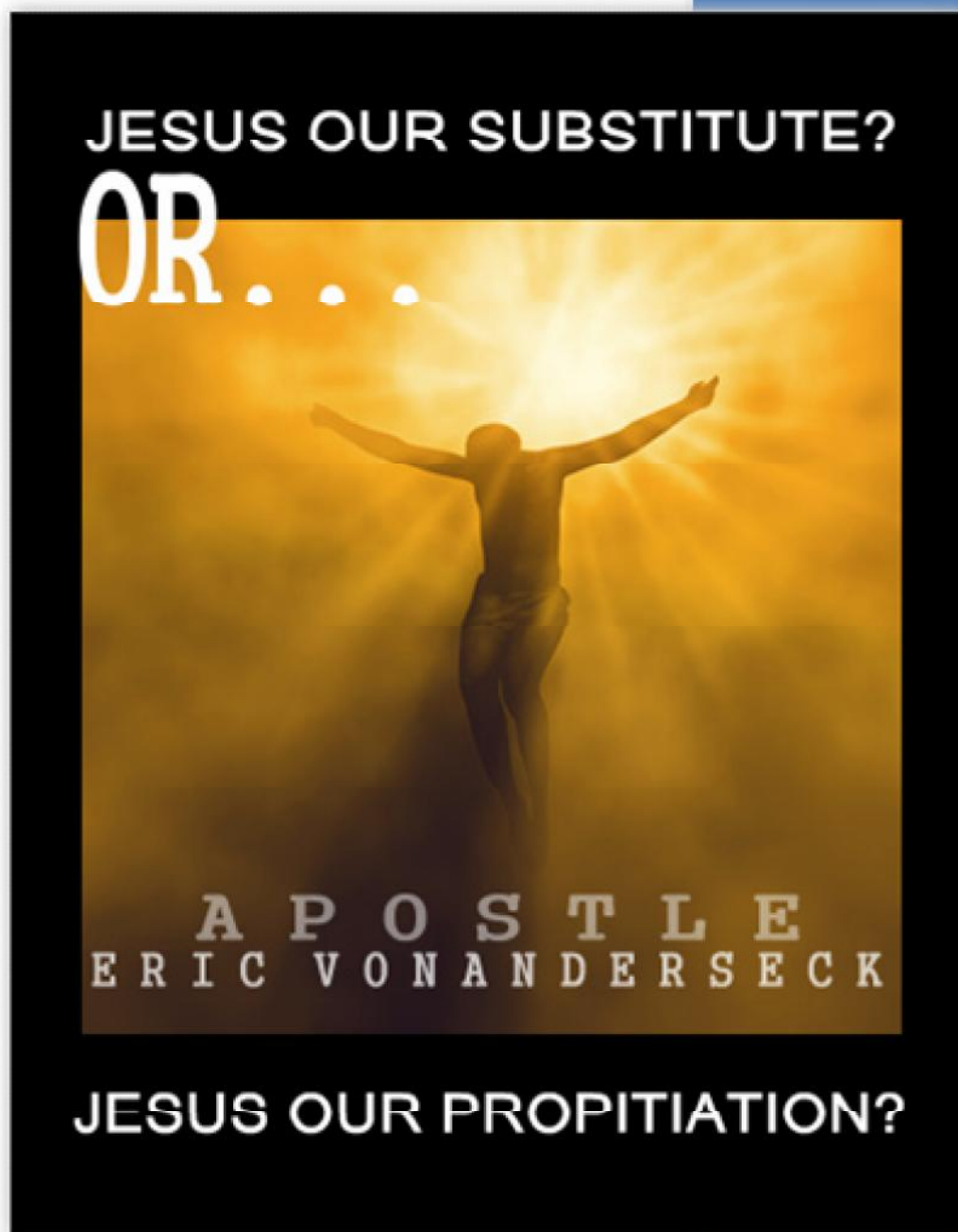
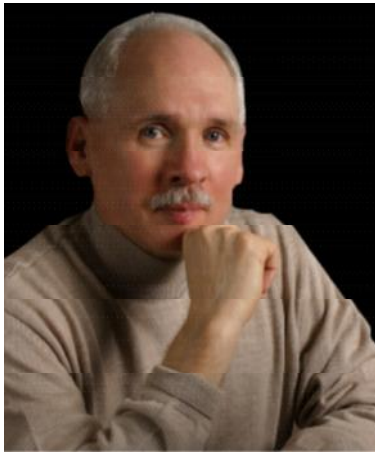


The Second Covenant Faith of Jesus Christ

Learn the difference between substitutionism and propitiation.





Apostle Eric vonAnderseck teaches that Jesus is the propitiation for our sins. Jesus fulfilling the scriptures bore our infirmities but did the Lord become that which offended His Holiness? In resisting the devil did the Lord of Hosts finally capitulate to Satan's wiles?

Substitutionism seeks to grasp the promise of good will and at the same time deny the source. This clever paradox keeps the soul in the journey of holiness and holiness itself out of arms reach while Jesus propitiation for us puts holiness in the works of faith which requires the tether of grace for continuance in faith.

To remove the lamb of God for a goat is to replace His holy atonement with a blemished animal. Those under the spell of substitutionism are always struggling with the state of the conscience and say that truth is not relevant and unity unattainable. They spend their religious endeavors in seeking truth in place of abiding in truth. Those that sowed this gospel have done a grave evil to the body of Christ. Now the Lord is restoring truth to His people to cast off this cloak on the Church.

- Learn why the Apostle John preached the doctrine of propitiation.
- Did you know: Apostle John set the propitiation of Jesus Christ in connection to His advocacy.
- Understand the differences between substitutionism and propitiation.
- Learn why the False Religious System preaches the gospel of substitutionism.
- Identify the number one danger of substitutionism: The negative victory over sin.
- Learn how substitutionism takes away the choices of faith!
- What does this mean: Jesus is the propitiation for our sins?

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Substitutionism OR Propitiation: What do you Believe?

There are two opposing views in regards to the redemption of the human race. Christians either believe that Jesus was their substitute, or that Jesus is the propitiation for sins. Both doctrines are based on the fact that Jesus died for us. There are two meanings of the word “for” that are used in these opposing doctrines.

The Apostle John preached the doctrine of propitiation. This means that Jesus died *for our benefit*.

1 John 2:1, “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:”

Vs. 2: “And he is the **propitiation** for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”

The Apostle John set the propitiation of Jesus Christ in connection to His advocacy. Jesus shed His blood to provide the terms of the covenant which allows Him to mediate the covenant as our advocate. God set the terms of the covenant because He set His standard, requirements, and expectations for our faith in Jesus Christ.

The False Religious System preaches the gospel of substitutionism. Under the guise of substitutionism, believers are led to believe that Jesus died for them meaning, *in their place*. The idea that Jesus is our substitute creates the concept that Jesus took our place and that God initiated a trade. On the basis of this trade, people believe that Jesus took our sins and we took Jesus’ righteousness. The word “substitute” is not found in the original King James Bible.

1 John 2:1-2

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The False Doctrine of Substitutionism is Based on a Summary Trade

The false doctrine of substitutionism claims that Jesus became literal sin so that God can punish Jesus instead of punishing us. Therefore it is preached that Jesus also went into the flames of hell in our place until God cried, "Enough!" And then Jesus snatched the keys out of the hands of the devil for our release. This makes for good drama, but it's not the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus is our righteousness. But did He have to become sin to make us righteous? No, He only had to shed His blood and die on the cross and rise from the dead *for our benefit*. Through His bloodshed, Jesus provided the terms of the covenant for our acceptable contact with God. God set these *standards* in Christ; this is why Jesus is our *righteousness*. God did not initiate a trade. There is nothing of man that God wants or needs. God did not need man's sin in order to create righteousness.

This trade that is suggested through the false indoctrination of substitutionism summarily dismisses the terms of the covenant on which God bases His expectations and requirements. This is why we presently see the many paradoxes in the faith of all believers. Christians know that sanctification and holiness are words in the bible, yet because of their focus on substitutionism they were never disciplined in the true faith and covenant terms, and did not know God's requirements for sanctification and holiness.

These then became ideas to strive after rather than abided in, a level of maturity and fullness that is always out of reach. This is the trace evidence of the doctrine of substitutionism.

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Focus Creates Value

Focus creates value. The focus of Jesus as our substitute created a gospel in which Christ is not valued, nor any of the terms of the covenant are valued; therefore Jesus cannot advocate the terms God set for contact, and Christians set out on a journey to get closer to God. This language of getting closer depicts the typical void that is experienced because of the doctrine of substitutionism.

We see too that Christians are looking for the well of the Spirit because they feel dry; they look for the anointing because they feel uninspired. These typical voids are again trace evidences of the damage of the false indoctrination of substitutionism.

We also see other evidences of the damage of this false doctrine. Substitutionism, in removing the terms of the covenant, created one of the most distressing paradoxes to faith: the paradox of works. Works are not required in this trade. God summarily takes our sins, and gives us the righteousness of Christ. There are no works which enter into our faith. However, when the gospel of substitutionism is preached, works are required. The lifestyle of a believer is required to be as Christ-like as possible.

The Sermon on the Mount is used as a means of conveying the life principles that God would like us to imitate. Yet, these qualities are foreign to the nature of man which was ruled by sin. The trade did not deposit into man a new nature or change the inherent struggle. While some in the faith cult confess a new nature, their behavior still demonstrates the same struggle.

Substitutionism is the Default Doctrine of the False Religious System

Substitutionism is the *default doctrine* of the False Religious System. What is a default doctrine? We can explain that by looking at the keen senses of a dog. Although dogs have a keen sense of sight and hearing, smell is their keenest.

Their sense of smell dominates all their other senses and is what they fall back on when tracking. In the same way, substitutionism can be understood as the default doctrine of the False Religious System. It is the doctrine that Christians are taught to fall back on continuously when questioned about their faith.

Questions of sin are answered by saying, "Jesus is my substitute."
Questions of weakness are answered by saying, "Jesus is my substitute."
Questions of healing are answered by saying, "Jesus is my substitute."

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A believer is not able to discern between the works of debt, the works of the flesh.

Substitutionism Produces a Negative Victory Over Sin

The use of the false doctrine of substitutionism produces a *negative victory over sin*. What is a negative victory? After World War I, it was said that the allies experienced a negative victory over the aggressors. They had merely succeeded in preventing their insurgence. Twenty years later they faced the same enemy and World War II began.

Substitutionism produces this same negative victory over sin. Because substitutionism separated the faith of the believer from the terms of the covenant, there is no experience with sanctification, holiness, regeneration, or the renewing of the mind. A believer is not able to discern between the works of debt, the works of the flesh, the works of the covenant and the works that adorn the gospel of Christ. Christian books are written to try to find new ways to victory because they are not living in victory.

The problem with the doctrine of substitutionism is that faith does not have an activity of expression which represents Jesus Christ. When Jesus Christ is not actively represented in your faith, your faith is dead. That is a serious problem.

In the final analysis, after years of frustration and confusion, Christians have stopped going to church and settled for fire insurance. Believers have said, "I may not be able to live a victorious life over sin, but at least I have fire insurance."

This means I may not be a good example of Christ (God knows I have tried), but at least I won't go to hell. This is a negative victory. This is what substitutionism has delivered to the church and how damnable this doctrine is.

Substitutionism Takes Away the Choices of Faith

Substitutionism takes away the choices of faith because the focus is on a trade that summarily dismisses the terms of the covenant that provide our choices of faith. With no responsibility to the terms of the covenant, confidence is set in the love of God outside of covenant.

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Their believing that Jesus is our righteousness is not effectual for them because their acknowledgement of Jesus Christ does not allow them to also mold their confidence with God through the terms of the covenant, nor submit to the Spirit of God who uses the terms of the covenant to bring the experience of Christ to the believer daily. Jesus cannot mediate the covenant.

These are those who desire righteousness without obedience. There is no such thing. Abraham obeyed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness (Jas.2:23).

Evangelism that enflames this earthly spirit of 'loving' and 'trusting' God outside of His covenant creates shallow converts that always struggle with faith and puts emphasis on carnal ordinances for perfection. Those things which are from above always remain out of their reach.

Propitiation for Our Sins

1 John2:2, “And He (Jesus) is the **propitiation** for our sins...” This verse does not use the word ‘substitute’. It uses the word 'propitiation'.

Propitiate: (web.) to appease and render favorable; to conciliate.

Jesus is the Propitiation for our Sins, NOT our Substitute

Jesus is the propitiation for our sins, not our substitute. The blood that Jesus shed on the cross appeased the wrath of God. And since God accepted the work of redemption that He provided in Himself, He brought conciliation between Himself and the fallen nature of man. Jesus did not have to become sin to embody this work.

Isaiah prophesied about those who would look at the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ as a substitutionary work. He said, “Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows, yet **we did esteem** Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace **was upon Him** (as to take the responsibility of) and with His stripes we are healed,” (Is.53:4, 5).

What we, the collective church, and the individual believer, have **esteemed** as God putting the sins of the world upon His Son, was a misinterpretation of God’s act. Isaiah saw this in the spirit.

Sin bearer: One who takes the **responsibility** of atoning for sin under the demands of God's justice to appease the wrath of God.

When Aaron and his sons performed their duties as Levitical priests to prepare and slay the animal sacrifices that God specified, they were bearing the iniquity of the people. God placed upon them the **responsibility** of making the atoning sacrifice to keep the people from the curse of the law.

When Jesus shed His blood upon the cross, He was the sacrifice that God provided for the sins of the world, once and for all. God placed upon Jesus the **responsibility** of making the atoning sacrifice to keep the people from the curse of the law. He offered Himself as a lamb without blemish. He cannot be the lamb without blemish, and then become blemished at the point of sacrifice.

He bore our sins: To bear the **responsibility** of; to take on the yoke of our redemption for our release from the penalty of sin.

So when believers do not understand the mystery of Christ they misunderstand (the following scripture) 2 Corinthians 5:21, "For He has made Jesus to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. Believers misinterpret the words of the apostle and esteem Jesus to have become our substitute and became literal sin, so that we can become righteous.

Consider Num.18:1, "And the Lord said unto Aaron, You and your sons and your father's house with you shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary; and you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood."

He, God, has made Jesus to be the **sin bearer** for us, just as in the case of Aaron and his sons. They did not become sin any more than Jesus became sin.

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sins for us. This does not mean in our place, but for our benefit. Not as our substitute, but as one who propitiates for the benefit of another.

Consider also what God said to Ezekiel, "Lie upon your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it; according to the number of the days that you shall lie upon it, you shall bear their iniquity," (Ez.4:4-6).

Ezekiel did not become sin when he bore the sins of the people. As a priest, God used him as a contact point for the people. He became the parable of their judgment. Through Ezekiel God was showing the people what lay before them as the outcome of their sins. Ezekiel was not trading places with the people and taking their judgment upon himself as a substitute. He was bearing the responsibility of being a sign against their sins. Again, the words "bear the iniquity of the people" did not suggest substitutionism.

Jesus, as the High Priest, was also a sign to the people as He bore their iniquities. The sign of the cross was a symbol of shame to show how God abhors sin, but also of the covenant that God was making through the blood of Jesus Christ, to show God's mercy towards sinners. Jesus did not become sin, but bore the responsibility of our sins by providing our redemption.

Did God Abandon Jesus as Some Claim?

Some claim that when God put the sins of humanity upon His Son that He turned His back on Him and that's why Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me?" This scripture in the book of Psalms sheds some light on this cry from the cross:

Psalm 22:1, "My God, My God, why have you forsaken Me? Why are you so far from helping Me, and from the words of My roaring?"

God did not leave Jesus as to abandon one who is full of iniquity. God did not turn His back on Jesus because He could not behold the sin that Jesus had become. God left Jesus on the cross because it was the will of God that Jesus should die for the benefit of the human race in redeeming them back to God.

Many say that God will not look upon sin to support their argument that Jesus was abandoned of God. However, they do not consider that Satan comes in the presence of God when he is called (Job 1:6-12).

These same believers, who preach that God turns His back on sin, preach that when a Christian sins God does not turn His back on the sinning Christian because of the concept of unconditional eternal security.

Sin is not a **literal substance** that can be put off and be put on again. It is the system of darkness that rules in the hearts of those who are born of the first Adam.

Jesus could not take on the design and framework of the system of sin and atone for sin at the same time.

Neither can any Christian take on the design and framework of Satan to support their pride through guile and say that they are born of God.

God looked upon the death of Jesus upon the cross as the fulfillment of the sacrifice that would atone for sin once and for all. He did not look upon Jesus as the magnet for sin.

Jesus addressed God as His Father, not Satan. When Jesus proclaimed from the cross, "Father into your hands I commit My Spirit," he was proving again that at the time of His death he was still the same spotless, sinless, pure, and undefiled lamb of God.

Yet, if Jesus set the pattern for us, and the doctrine of substitutionism sets the foundation for unconditional eternal security, then God would have to also turn His back on the Christian who continues to sin even if he is saved just like He turned His back on His own Son. The pattern is inconsistent.

Sin is NOT Literal Substance

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Let's consider also that when Jesus died He said, "Father into your hands I commit My Spirit." If God turned His back on His Son because Jesus became literal sin, if Jesus was now allied with Satan to take our place, then when Jesus said, "Father", He was actually addressing *Satan as His father*. This is blasphemous.

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Isaiah prophesied, "He (God) shall see the travail of His

(Jesus) soul and be satisfied," (Is.53:11).

Like People Like Priest

The doctrine of substitutionism states that God made Jesus to become literal sin so that we could be His righteousness. The question is, "Can a high priest sin and God not judge the people?"

God has said that when the priest sins, wrath comes upon the people for the sin of the priest. So if Jesus as our high priest became sin, this would mean that we incurred the wrath of God, not the righteousness of God. This again shows the complete irresponsibility of the doctrine of substitutionism.

Let's look at the example of Eli's two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, who were priests. They were sinners before the Lord and profaned the name of the Lord. And the Lord said to Samuel concerning Eli, "For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knows; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not," (1Sam.3:13).

Because of the sins of the priest, God sent the Philistines against the children in battle as we read in 1Sam.4:10, "And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent; and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen."

God commanded Moses that the priests should perform their duties before Him without flaw. He said, "And gather all the congregation together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation." And Moses did as the Lord commanded him; and the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Moses unto the congregation, "This is the thing which the Lord commanded to be done..." (Lev.8:3-5).

In Lev.10:1, we see that the sons of Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, "took either of them his censor, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the Lord, which he commanded them not."

In breaking the commandment of the Lord, these two priests sinned before God, and God would in turn judge the people. We read in Lev.10:6, "And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar his sons, uncover not your heads neither rend your clothes, lest you die, and lest wrath come upon all the people..."

When the priest sins, God pours wrath upon the people. If Jesus became literal sin, He would have incurred the wrath of God upon us, not the righteousness of God.

Reparation for sins

Reparation: The act of repairing; what is done to repair a wrong; indemnification for loss or damage; satisfaction for injury.

Here we see the love of God manifested. God did no injury to man, yet man did injury to God when Adam sinned. But God took it upon Himself to provide reparation. He paid for the loss and damage by the blood of His own Son, thus repairing the injury. The debt of sin was forgiven. Mt.18:27, “Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.”

Jesus did not have to become sin in order for God to forgive the debt of sin; He did not have to go to hell to suffer to provide forgiveness of sins. He only had to shed His blood; this was enough.

God **atoned** for sins by providing **reparation**...not by becoming a substitute. Those who believe on the Son have the forgiveness of the Father.

The Scapegoat

So what do you see the purpose of the scapegoat on the Day of Atonement? Here is what Scripture says: “Aaron shall lay both hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a suitable man. The goat shall bear on itself all their iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he shall release the goat in the wilderness,” (Lev.16:21, 22).

Knowing the plan of God helps in interpreting the will of God and scriptures. The record will never violate either the will or plan of God.

The goat did not become literal sin. Remember the definition for a 'sin bearer'. This applies both in the sense of Aaron and his sons 'bearing' the sins of the people, and the goat 'bearing' on itself the iniquities of the people.

Sin bearer: One who takes the responsibility of atoning for sin under the demands of God's justice to appease the wrath of God.

The scapegoat represented the death and resurrection of Christ. That's why they offered two. One was slain and one was released. When the priest laid his hands on the scapegoat, we see in this action the concept of a point of contact being made. They prayed that the animal, being spotless, would be accepted as the

release of their penalty for sin when its blood was shed. The children of Israel had to exercise faith in this point of contact.

Now the goat that was released in the wilderness is a type and shadow of the resurrection of our Lord. He not only died for our sins that we may be reconciled to God by the shedding of His blood, but He rose from the dead so that we may be saved by His life (released from the power of sin through the power of His resurrection) (Rom.5:10).

Throughout the Bible we see the idea of a point of contact being given for faith, or a point of contact which destroyed faith. An idol becomes a point of contact which destroys faith. When people put their confidence in an unclean thing, they are touching those things which are not profitable for faith.

Jesus is the Point of Contact for our Faith and for our Redemption

Jesus is the point of contact for our faith and for our redemption. We cannot physically touch Him and that is why God provided tools for us to use. These tools of our sanctification (what God has separated for us to touch Him) bring us in contact with the living God. That's why we call them contact points.

The gifts, callings, and graces of God are designed by God to bring man in contact with Him through Jesus Christ. God desires to touch man so that He can parent in man His own nature. These are the terms that Jesus is mediating as our advocate.

Because Jesus gave us the contact points of the Spirit and the tools that allow us to touch Him and He to touch us, the battlefield has been moved from the arena of the flesh to the arena of the Spirit. Jesus destroyed the power of sin and death by moving the battlefield onto a plain where Satan has no power.

All we have to do to be obedient to God and to know God is to continue to touch the things which He has provided through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

If Jesus became literal sin, God was moving the battlefield into Satan's arena, where Satan has power. This would have been counterproductive.

Covenant Faith: Three Simple Steps to Making a Decision To Follow Christ

Everyone comes to a point in their life where they want to know more about God. Some people say they want to get closer to God. Some say they sense something missing in their faith. Others say they are desperately trying to fill a void in their life. However you say it, God has been ministering to you and calling you to Him for a long time. You may have tried different religions or churches, looking for God. Or maybe you tried to find God in nature. But no matter what you tried, you always came back to the same place of emptiness, feeling there should be something more to life.



Regardless of how much life or religion has disappointed you, God was there time and again, encouraging you not to give up. He was there telling you that He would help you. There is a Psalm that says, “Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy,” Psalm 64:1. And another favorite is, “Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust,” Psalm 16:1.

So, here you are. All those moments of intervention on God’s part (His grace) has brought you to this point where your faith is about to embark on the final journey home. Covenant Faith in Jesus Christ is that journey. It is vital that you understand what happened when Jesus shed His blood, and what His death and resurrection means to God. God wants to save, heal, and deliver you. God wants to remove you from Satan’s kingdom of darkness where you were spiritually imprisoned by his lies. God invites you to have a personal

relationship with Him in His kingdom, where He will accept you as His child and free you of the hold Satan has on you. God’s invitation is to free you to Him.

Covenant Faith is a simple faith to walk. You’ll learn what it means to become a Christian, and how it is possible to please God and live the kind of life He wants you to live every day. You’ll learn how easy it is to have a personal relationship with God as you walk in your spiritual priesthood. The truth of Jesus Christ will be broken down for you in ways you never



thought possible. God will begin to answer many questions that you had about Him and the purpose of your existence.

Let's now go through a few steps that will guide you to make a faith decision to follow Jesus Christ in the new way of His covenant.

Step One: Understand Where You Are Spiritually and How You Got There

For most, life's journey is not an easy one. It is much like being on a ship, drifting through thick fog; you feel lost and uncertain of your future. Every time the waves threatened to capsize your ship you cried out, "God, where are you?! I can't see through this fog, and the waves are too high for me! Help me!"

This cry the soul makes for God is desperately repeated thousands of times every day. The Psalmist said, "Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation," Psalm 27:9.



What the Bible Says About Man's Condition



Man's separation from God is a direct result of Adam having accepted Satan's promises. Satan gave Adam knowledge for his mind to work with that was a direct contradiction to the things God had told Adam. God told Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and Satan said, "Yes, but. . .if you eat of this tree you will get what you want."

Satan offered Adam knowledge (promise) that worked with what Adam wanted and by that knowledge, Satan taught Adam how to work around what God had said. In this way Satan took captive Adam's mind, and this is why all Adamites today are prisoners to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life.

This is what God said: "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," Genesis 2:17. God breaks sin down for us: Sin is the kingdom of Satan that Adam joined himself to by reaching for Satan's promise. There is no life in Satan's kingdom, only death.

Nothing about sin has changed since the garden. Satan continues to promise liberty, but his promise is a bondage to our self image, which brings uncertainty, works doubt in the heart, and causes man to live in fear.

Knowing these things makes the choice for life easy. Choose life by choosing to enter into God's kingdom by coming into covenant with Him.

Step Two: Recognize the Voice of God Calling You

Did you know: Everyone has heard the voice of God calling them out of Satan's kingdom many times. This call is the most wonderful and sweet thing imaginable. It is like a call home, a longing to be with God, a knowing that you were created for something other than what you are now experiencing.

God's call to you is special. But it's only when you stop and listen that you can hear Him more clearly. You may be wondering, If God has been calling me all my life. why has it been so difficult to find him? The reason for this difficulty is that Satan has been there too.



Every time you heard God calling you, Satan was there hanging around, listening, just like he did in the garden when God spoke to Adam. Satan designed many spiritual paths hoping you would choose one and get lost, looking for God's purpose in the wrong place. This is why some think God's call is a call to spirituality and begin to search into everything spiritual, while others think it's a call to find themselves and begin a journey of self discovery.

It's hard to find God's true spiritual path of the covenant when Satan volunteers to be our path finder. It's like taking a trip to a faraway place. You're trying to find your way to the tourist center when this man walks up to you and tries to sell you an all-inclusive package to visit the wonderful and exotic places that only he knows about.

Everything sounds adventurous and exciting, and you trust this guy because he appears to know what he is talking about. But you haven't seen the posters around town warning tourists not to trust themselves to this murderer and thief.

In the same way, when people hear the call of God, Satan is there to send them on another journey far away from God. How do you know that is true? Because you come back to the same struggle, the same questions, the same emptiness, and the same disappointments. Does this describe your condition today?



God's Call Into Covenant With Him



A call into covenant is a call into Christ for the salvation of our souls. The Bible says that God created man in His image and likeness: “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness,” Genesis 1:26. When Adam accepted Satan’s knowledge, he lost the likeness of God and gained Satan’s mindset.

Just as a father would be disappointed in a son who follows another path, because the father no longer sees in his son an image of himself, so God, in the same way, is disappointed with man. When he looks at man’s soul he does not

see a likeness of Himself. What does he see? He sees the likeness of Satan. This is the likeness man gained after Adam’s fall: “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,” Romans 3:23.

Jesus knows this to be true. This is why he referred to Satan as the “father” of the sinner (John 8:44). All sinners shall have their portion in the lake of fire because that is Satan’s destiny. Nothing of Satan can be allowed into God’s kingdom.

To change this, God provided man with a way back to Him. God gave man a chance to regain the likeness of God. God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die for the sins of the world, thereby offering forgiveness by a covenant of blood.

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Hebrews 13:20-21

“Now the God of *peace*, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting *covenant*, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

2 Corinthians 3:18

“But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same *image* from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

God is calling to you to believe the testimony of Jesus Christ, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior. He is the one who was prophesied to make reconciliation for the sins of the world, to blot out your transgressions, and to join you

back to God through Himself. Jesus shed His blood to provide the terms or grounds of the Second Covenant to sanctify your faith, that your faith may be pleasing to God.

Jesus rose again from the dead to establish a new priesthood in Himself, a living priesthood of knowledge to establish your communion with Him by this knowledge, that God might change you into His image by the power of the Holy Ghost.

You must believe this report and be baptized with the Holy Spirit, evidenced by speaking in tongues. It is by this engrafting of the Holy Spirit in you that you gain His likeness.

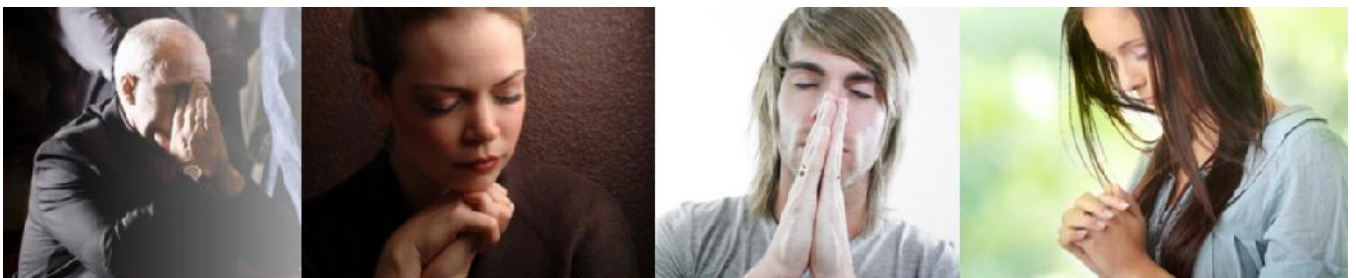
Step Three: Make the Decision to Come Into Covenant With God

Jesus said, “him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out,” John 6:37. God makes it easy for you to come to Christ that God might establish His testimony in you. All you need to do is respond to His grace and accept His invitation. If you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins, and if you desire God’s forgiveness of sins, I invite you to respond to His grace by praying this prayer right now.

PRAYER

Almighty God, I humbly come before your throne of grace. I believe the testimony of Jesus Christ; that He is the Messiah, the Savior, that He is the one who was prophesied to come to seal our faith and make us complete in Him, and that it is His sacrifice that blots out our transgressions. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He died to make reconciliation for the sins of the world to join me back to You through Himself.

I believe that Jesus Christ shed His blood to provide the terms or grounds of the Second Covenant to sanctify my faith, that my faith may be pleasing to You. I believe that Jesus rose again from the dead to establish a new priesthood in Himself, a living priesthood of knowledge to establish my communion with You by this knowledge that I might be changed into His image by the power of the Holy Ghost.



I ask that You forgive me for walking contrary to your covenant for I ignorantly worshiped what I did not understand. It is You that put a difference between truth and error, darkness and light, and I choose to leave the kingdom of sin and enter into your kingdom.

I am tired of living by Satan's lies, and I desire to walk on the true path of faith in Jesus Christ whereby I can regain your likeness. I accept your knowledge of faith and ask that You baptize me in the Holy Spirit and assist me to pray in tongues.

If you have prayed this prayer with faith in your heart, then God has forgiven you of your sins and declared you righteous. He will now seal your faith with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and you will begin to speak in tongues that you may begin a relationship with Him.

God's 4-Step Program

To convert you to Christ God is bringing you through 4 steps of His own to claim you as His child.

1. The first step is *grace*: Grace is His voice that you are hearing right now, calling you. That is God's part, to provide you grace that you may believe in Jesus. *Ephesians 2:8-9*
2. The second step is *faith*: That is your part. God's invitation to come into covenant is made effective upon grace entering into your heart. You need to yield to the grace of God and accept it. Your confession of faith means that you believe the testimony of Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 2:8-9*
3. The third step is *righteousness*: Upon seeing your heart of faith yielding to His grace God declares you righteous; you have met the standard God placed in His Son for faith to reflect Him, and you are now ready for the final step to come into covenant with God. *Romans 4:6,9,12*
4. The fourth step is the *seal of the Spirit*: The seal of the Spirit is the baptism of the Spirit evidenced by tongues. God needs to bring your faith into the house of Jesus Christ where He can properly care for you and nurture you. *Romans 4:11; Ephesians 1:13*

To learn more about these vital 4 steps of covenant faith watch the video, Second Covenant Faith. Learn how God first introduced these steps to our father Abraham, and why the Spirit draws our attention to these same steps in the book of Romans. Learn why God planned for you to take these same 4 steps to come into covenant with Him through Jesus Christ.

Which Way Now?

When God baptizes you with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ will then be in you, and God's covenant sealed unto you. God designed the baptism of the Holy Spirit for covenant contact. Covenant is the door that is open to you in Christ for many wonderful things to now take place, which could not take place if you remained outside of covenant. It is through covenant contact that we experience these things:

1. God tests our faith
2. God establishes relationship
3. God receives fruit
4. We gain trust
5. We are brought into God's care
6. We are preserved in His framework of truth
7. We experience the circumcision of the heart

Let's look at little further to see God's spiritual provision for you. When God baptizes you with the Holy Ghost (witnessed by tongues) these things are taking place:

1. God separated you from the world unto Himself. You are now in covenant with God. Hebrews 8:6: "But now hath he (Jesus) obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises."

2. You are now born again. When God places His Spirit into you, He is causing a spiritual rebirth. You are born of the Spirit. John 3:6-7: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." We can understand that what you learn now is about how to co-labor with the Spirit that the Christ-likeness might be manifested in you.

3. You are now a child of God. When God places His Spirit into you, He is adopting you into His family. Romans 8:15: "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father." Galatians 4:5: "To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

Ephesians 1:5: "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will." We can understand that what you learn now is about how to walk as a son of God, how God's nurtures a relationship with you.

4. God gives you an eternal inheritance. When God places His Spirit into you, it is an eternal bond. Your faith has eternal rewards. Ephesians 1:13,14: "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also

after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.” We can understand that what you learn now is about how to keep your eyes on the hope that God placed before you.

5. You are baptized into the Body of Christ (to function in the priesthood).

1 Corinthians 12:13: “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.” We can understand that what you learn now is about how to minister to God, serve Him, and your brethren in the fellowship of His love and Word. This is done through your priesthood.

Now that you have seen what God provided for you by sealing your faith with the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you need to be equipped with knowledge to know how to grow in the life of Christ. Arm yourself with knowledge and with the spiritual tools of Jesus’ covenant to keep yourself in the will of God, to keep yourself growing in His grace, increasing in knowledge, and abounding in love.

About Second 8th Week Ministries

Now is the time of restoration spoken of in Hosea 6:1-3. Second 8th Week[®] Ministries is a global outreach ministry dedicated to fulfilling God’s vision for the church and the world in this time of restoration by providing the true bridge of hope in the covenant of Jesus Christ.

Vision for Revival

God’s vision for revival is the complete restoration of the true saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and the return of the church to His covenant knowledge. There is no other truth than that which God provided through Jesus Christ. There is no other Saviour, but Jesus. God is calling all Christians to embrace the original truth and covenant for which Jesus shed His blood.

Revival is a call to the church to come to order. Revival rarely follows man’s agenda, as God moves in unexpected ways and goes to the very foundation to root out and to pull down those things of man that crept into the church. Revival always starts with a shaking. Lately, God has been revealing that He is shaking pulpits, shaking churches, and shaking those who sit in the pews. Shaking is good. It is the answer to many, many prayers to God to do a work in hearts.

Many Christian leaders recognize this shaking, and they are saying, “I find in myself this desperation, this sense that something is not right, but I don’t know what it is. . .this

dissatisfaction with my current spiritual status. There is this vague indefinable something that has lost the clarity, the crispness of oneness with Jesus.” ~Barbara J. Yoder

Source: <http://www.charismamag.com/index.php/prophetic-insight/30434-what-is-this-revival-were-looking-for#ixzz1GmmAwyp9>

As we have just read, when God sends revival He first prepares hearts for repentance. It is clear, that as God reveals hearts, He is defining His perspective of revival. Revival is a call to change.

Knowing they have compromised faith, many, as Ms. Yoder, are saying, “I am coming to the place where I sense some state of compromise, of coming into agreement with so much—not just in the church, but in me—that is not really born of God.” Does this describe your condition? Are you dissatisfied with your current spiritual state?

When God says that He is shaking pulpits, He is saying that He wants to unsettle the church, to shake the tight grip it has on the tradition of man and the wisdom of this world. As God begins to shake the pulpit, the confidence of the people begins to shake. Everywhere the shaking is taking place, believers are heard to say that they experience an inner sense that something is not right. God wants the church to understand that their focus is no longer on Jesus, but the things of this world.

God’s vision of revival is to bring the church back to the true fountain of living waters. God’s vision of revival means bringing the church back to our first love, the true covenant knowledge and priesthood of Jesus Christ, where faith pleases Him.

Just as God brings a repentant sinner to a point of admission by grace, concerning the state of his soul, so God also is bringing the church to a point of admission by grace, concerning the state of their souls.

Just as the state of the sinner is the result of years of embracing Satan’s promises, so it is with those God is shaking in the current Christian culture. The condition of vagueness of faith is the result of many years of following after Satan’s promises instead of God’s covenant promises in Christ. This is what God is bringing to the attention of the church.

God’s vision for revival is the restoration of the full and uncompromised covenant knowledge of Jesus Christ, a restoration of His priesthood, a restoration of His government, and a restoration of His spiritual tools. This is the jubilee of the church. By God’s grace and the work of the Spirit we can minister this word to hungry hearts, providing ourselves as ready vessels of Christ to act as the bridge of hope to the world.

Vision

by Peter Bolduc

Second 8th Week Ministries

While reflecting on the countless thousands of man-made doctrines, which infect modern Christendom, the Lord gave me a vision of an extremely high, thick stone wall that went on beyond the horizon in both directions.

The wall was going across a field of rolling hills. My perspective was an aerial view, about 200 feet above the wall, looking out to the horizon. On the left side of the wall were endless roads and paths of various widths. Each dead-ended into the wall.

In what appeared to be at the middle of the wall was a very small, very narrow path that led up to the wall and passed through a narrow gate and continued on to the horizon on the other side of the wall.

Reflection: Being created by God, each Adamite has an internal desire to know and have a relationship with God. Man, left to his own understanding, attempts to fellowship with God in many different ways. But there is only one path that leads to God, and that path is the covenant, which Christ came to establish in Himself.

“Blessed are they who respond to God’s grace calling them into Christ’s covenant, for they have chosen the single path, which He has sanctified to transition the soul from death unto life. Great shall their reward be.”



What is the Second 8th Week?

The Second 8th Week is man’s appointment on God’s calendar of events. Watch the 2-Part video:

<http://www.s8wministries.org>

The Second 8th Week is a revelation that God gave to Enoch about the end time revival and restoration of the church. God promises to visit His church to restore her to the purity of the true gospel of Jesus Christ. There are 5 things to watch for as the Second 8th Week unfolds:

1. Beginning of Sorrows
2. Jubilee of the Priesthood
3. Gathering of Israel
4. Separation of Wheat and tares
5. Restoration of the Church
6. Day of Visitation
7. Hour of Temptation

- Learn why God gave this time line to the prophet Enoch.
- What does the Bible say about Enoch?
- What does the Bible say about the church of the 6th week?
- Why is the 8th Week split in half?

Because God appointed the Second 8th Week as a time of restoration, it is also a time of temptation for the church. God is testing hearts and challenging the current Christian culture to change. Whom will you serve? The Jesus of tradition? Or the Jesus of covenant? The Jesus of your imagination? Or the Jesus that died for your sins?

The Founders of Second 8th Week Ministries

Second 8th Week Ministries was born in the heart of God. Before there were human vessels to carry out God's plan there was a desire in God's heart that the true saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and Word of His grace to restored to His people; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house (Isaiah 42:7).

Just as a fire begins with an ember, God's work began with Eric vonAnderseck and his wife, Maria. God used these two embers to light the fire of His glory all over the world.

Eric answered the apostolic call of God upon his life in 1977 and Maria was soon after confirmed into the government of God as a teacher. God raised up a leader in Apostle Eric to be an equipped of His government. Today, the 5 callings of God's spiritual government are restored and the true Body of Christ is emerging.



Apostle Eric (top left) and Teacher Maria (bottom left) and representatives of the growing, global network of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers of the Second 8th Week®.

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There are many apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers God has called to join Apostle Eric and Teacher Maria to complete His work. Together, they are the Apostles Today Network of the Second 8th Week.

Bridge of Hope

Together, the Apostolic Stewardship of the Second 8th Week is God's bridge of hope. There is a lot of hurt in the world today because of those who said they are of God, but

spoiled the faith of the people. God declares, “Many pastors have destroyed My vineyard, they have trodden My portion under foot, they have made My pleasant portion a wilderness” (Jeremiah 12:10).

A young man in his mid 20’s recently asked, “Why is it that I feel dead? I feel dead in myself. I have no feelings of life in me.” The problem is, false knowledge will not produce the substance of life in you. So, the knowledge of the world this young man was using was actually numbing his emotions. We can be sure that being of a young age he found a lot of things to pour his emotions into, but it left him feeling empty inside and dead towards God.

The knowledge of this world is like a corpse—it is dead. There is no substance in the knowledge of the world that we can use to reciprocate to God, whereas in the knowledge of God, the substance is there, and it reciprocates. The knowledge of God produces faith, and faith is a reciprocator—it responds. A corpse does not respond.

Satan promises that his knowledge will bring life and that you will feel full and complete and whole and abounding in hope, but it can only deliver temporal fulfillment. The soul knows its Maker and will never be satisfied with anything less than God Himself.

Never forget: The knowledge of this world cannot produce the substance of Christ—it cannot produce Christ. The knowledge of this world cannot leave any substance in the heart for faith. And this is why the heart feels empty and void of life. This is why many people ask, “Why is it that I feel dead in myself? I have no feelings of life within me.” On the other hand, the knowledge that God gives will produce substance because it was designed that way. By His divine power we reciprocate His likeness. This is what the soul craves.

God raised up a team of men and women to bring healing and restoration. There is now a clear path to this knowledge. We see the excitement growing: As the knowledge of the mystery of Christ is restored to hearts and minds, each Christian becomes a source of life for others. We are witnessing the miracle of life taking place.

“I experienced a spark of life, which I have not experienced in 17 years since confessing Jesus as my Savior.” ~Lynn (*Bible School graduate, BA*)

“When there are many voices. . .there’s not a settling, there’s not a foundation. . .you read a book from this one or that one about faith—there’s no true knowledge of the thing [faith].” ~Francis (*Bible School graduate, BA, Masters*)

Free Online Courses



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It's true that nothing can satisfy your longing for God, but Jesus Christ; for God planned to engage with you in fellowship with the knowledge of Christ.

The courses, videos, audio files, charts, and illustrations, are all designed to help you learn how to know God in the fulness of Jesus Christ, to serve Him with perfect faith, and grow in the likeness of Christ.

In times past, when the church filled herself at the table of the world, she thought she was full, but her belly was empty. Satan was offering the church substance (knowledge) that did not give life to the soul. Christians thought they knew God by what they saw—a miracle here, a healing there, outbursts of emotions, testimonies of God's intervention—they did not know the dangerous place of compromise, which they were in, until God began giving them dreams and visions to prepare them to make their way back to covenant faith.

You will find God's building blocks of faith easy to learn. From the 12 elements of the gospel to the 9 tools of Jesus' covenant, to the altar of your priesthood, you will learn amazing things about covenant faith that will fill your heart.

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