

# 12 FOUNDATION STONES

The 12 Elements of the Gospel



The Foundation and Altar of the Faith

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## The Elements of the Gospel: Covenant Language



- Learn God's Covenant Language
- Learn to Express Christ through the 12 Foundation Stones.
- Learn how to overcome the language of the flesh.



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## Introduction

We need some language to allow us to consider the spiritual processes that go on daily as we keep covenant with God. Being in covenant with God is a carefully laid out plan that assures that our faith meets God's expectation perfectly and that the spiritual processes that *need* to take place to join us to God, *are* taking place.

For example: How do we please God? How does God strengthen us? How does suffering work with grace to produce the likeness of Christ? How are we to love one another? How is the conscience purged? How is the soul healed? How does God separate us from the world unto Himself? How do we live as a separate people to God? How do we allow Christ to represent us? What about overcoming? How do we overcome ourselves, the world, and the devil? How do we increase the kingdom of God? How is the fruit of Christ formed in us?

We need language to tell us what these things are and what they mean to God. We need language to assist us to give these things value in Christ, how these processes take place, and how to describe these experiences.

## Language That Expresses YOU

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Joy</li> <li>▪ Happiness</li> <li>▪ Satisfaction</li> <li>▪ Bond</li> <li>▪ Responsibility</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Worry</li> <li>▪ Frustration</li> <li>▪ Conflict</li> <li>▪ Anger</li> <li>▪ Stress</li> </ul>	<p>Let's first of all see how language, when it applies to you, allows you to express yourself. Whether you are happy, or excited, or disappointed, or sad, language assists you to express yourself:</p>
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*Language expresses you!*

The joy, happiness, satisfaction, bond, and responsibility of parenthood; or worry, frustration, conflict, anger, or stress when things don't go well. Language expresses YOU!

It is easy for us to express things that are natural to us. But, what about when God expects us to express things that are not natural to us? Like godliness, faith, and virtue? How do you express these things of Christ?



## **We Need new Language to Express Christ**

Romans 12:2 says, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye TRANSFORMED by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” It is clear what the will of God is: That we not to be conformed to this world, but transformed. What language do we use to describe these processes?

The problem is, if we do not have language to describe the processes of faith then we merely repeat what we have read, it does not become our experience of Christ.

### **Do you see? We need NEW language to express CHRIST!**

God developed a special language to communicate to us the gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that would be easy for us to understand Him and fellowship with Him. The language that God speaks is about this mystery of Christ, unfolding this work of Christ to us, showing us how He carries out these many processes when we are in covenant with Him. If we want to learn to speak God’s language, we will need an alphabet. God’s alphabet is the 12 Elements:

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| <b>1. Grace</b>          | <b>2. Faith</b>                 |
| <b>3. Righteousness</b>  | <b>4. Justification</b>         |
| <b>5. Sanctification</b> | <b>6. Holiness</b>              |
| <b>7. Peace</b>          | <b>8. Rest</b>                  |
| <b>9. Charity</b>        | <b>10. Truth</b>                |
| <b>11. Regeneration</b>  | <b>12. Renewing of the Mind</b> |

These Elements join together according to special rules. They work in pairs and they also work together in tight coordination, they interact with one another. Each Element tells us about Jesus and breaks the language barrier between us and God.

If you want regeneration (the life of Christ manifested in the soul) you will need truth and charity and rest and holiness and grace and faith. You will need all the Elements. These Elements are the alphabet to the language of the covenant of Jesus Christ.

It is easy to learn to speak this language of the covenant. We need to think about some simple definitions to learn what each element in God’s alphabet means. What does grace mean, what does faith mean, what does righteousness mean, what does justification mean, what does sanctification mean, and so on.



## Why Apostles are Called Fathers of the Faith



*Apostles teach doctrine*

We need to be instructed in a new language that will enable us know what God's alphabet means to express Christ. Apostles are called "fathers" of the faith because they instruct the church in the language of the covenant.

**Did you know:** When apostles were no longer instructing the church, the Elements of the Gospel were no longer understood as the foundation of our faith. The Elements were understood to be words read in the Bible, but people failed to experience Christ because the elements were used to define the needs of the flesh and the soul's experience of LACK rather than define Christ.

Take for example, the element grace. The soul, LACKING God's love and covenant provisions, is ruled by fear, doubt, sin, and darkness, and thus suffers the loss of God's strength and peace.

A person responds to the LACK the soul experiences by allowing the flesh to assign value to grace. The flesh does this by setting the conditions for grace to function for self, "Grace is all about me." While claiming to stand on God's word, he is speaking the language of the flesh.

As a result we now have a situation where Christians speak the language of the flesh rather than the language of the covenant. "And their children spake half in the



*The flesh set the conditions for grace to function for self.*

speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people." Nehemiah 13:24

We are also in a situation where the church is needing to dethrone the self and trying to set Christ on the throne of the heart. But how was Christ removed from the throne of the heart in the first place?



## The Language of the Flesh Speaks to You About LACK



The process of removing Christ from the throne of the heart began when the language of the flesh was used to describe God's kingdom. The tongue of the flesh was allowed to define faith and as a result it ruled faith.

**Know this:** The flesh will always define God's kingdom from the standpoint of lack, whereas God defines His kingdom by the virtues of Christ. (Romans 5:17 & 21) (Galatians 5:17)

WHY does the flesh do that? WHY does the flesh define God's kingdom from the standpoint of LACK? It is helpful to understand that the flesh is merely speaking its native tongue, the language it learned from birth by its experience with sin and death.

The mother tongue of the flesh is that which the flesh learned to express from its father, the devil. The flesh expresses what it has seen and heard and learned of Satan, having been raised in the kingdom of darkness. Satan taught us his language of lack, need, pain, sorrow, fear, and anger.

Jesus said, "I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father," John 8:38.

Can you see the birthright of your first birth and how Jesus was pointing that out for you? We learned a tradition of lack, sorrow, sin, and broken trust from our first birth ----- and learned to express that experience through language.



*The language of our first birth is being expressed.*



Everyone speaks the language of their own kind. Language expresses the tongue of your birth. The same is true for God. When we come in covenant with God, we are born again into God's kingdom and family. The first thing we need to do is learn a new language. The language of Jesus Christ. The pure language of the Spirit. "For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent." Zephaniah 3:9

## Language is For Communication



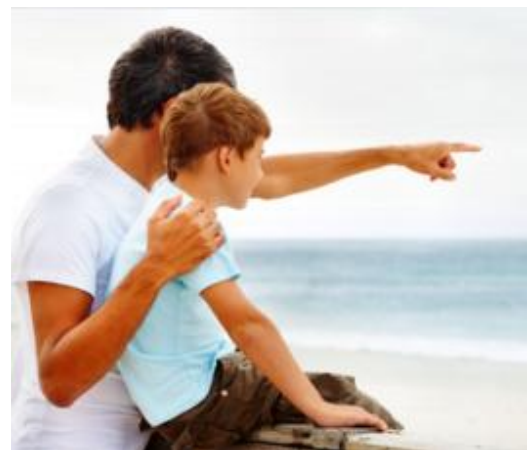
Let me take you back a couple of steps. We said that we need some language to allow us to consider the spiritual processes that go on daily as we keep covenant with God. Let's think further about what language is.

Language is used for communication. God wants to communicate to us to bring us back to Him and share with us His kingdom. God is the Creator and Author of all things and He is the one who initiates communication to us.

Communication is information that dispenses from one party to another. When it is initiated there needs to be a response. Our communication starts with listening. God is telling us who He is, who Jesus Christ is and who we are in Him. God is tell us what He is expecting of us. He does not do this in a demanding way, but in a way by which He opens the door to show us His plan from the beginning of time to create an offspring of the Spirit.

We see God's desire to communicate to us when considering each Element of the Gospel. God is communicating these things of Christ to us. When we think of communication we think of sharing with another person the pertinent details of our day or the task at hand that is to be accomplished.

We must understand that when God communicates to us it is about His plan, Jesus Christ and that plan is to produce an offspring of faith, an offspring of His Spirit. That is why Jesus Christ is called the "first born" of many "brethren". (Romans 8:29)



*God's desire is to communicate to us.*



For you and I to be considered part of the household of God, God must plant His Spirit in us and He must from that point begin the transition of the soul that the image and likeness of His Son may take form in us. As our souls experience this transformation, our minds also change from the perspective of darkness to the ability to reason faith with the mind of Christ. (Romans 8:26-29, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 4:24, 1 Peter 1:3-4)

For any relationship to exist there has to be a certain degree of intimacy that needs to grow that trust also may increase. Each Element of the Gospel communicates this transformation so that we may know how to respond to God. Our relationship is based on this divine exchange. (John 17:3)

## **The Cornerstone of Communication is Christ**

Lazarus had to come out of a kingdom and when he came out Jesus said, “Remove the grave clothes that confirm death’s power!” And so Jesus says the same to us, “Remove the false tokens and you will be free to serve Me.” The knowledge of Christ in the 12 Elements does that for us. It removes the tokens of death so we can be free to serve God.

When we now direct our attention to the sanctified tools of the Second Covenant we see that prayer is a tool that God has given to us for our response to communicate back to Him. Our priesthood is a tool that God provided for our response to communicate back to Him.

When we take this a bit further and think about the tool of tongues, here again we can see God’s desire to communicate with us on His level rather than the level of the flesh. We are given the language of heaven for prayer, we are given the heavenly tongue of angels to speak to God; And we can see how it all fits together with the corner stone of Jesus Christ and His knowledge. (1 Corinthians 13:1)

The tool of tongues cannot be isolated from the knowledge as it is truth that gives values to the tool that we may see in it the face of Jesus Christ and with faith in our hearts, use it. God gives us a new language (which we see in the tool of tongues and in the 12 Foundation Stones) to communicate to Him on His level, to reciprocate His likeness, and to express Christ.

To come into covenant with God one must expect a transition to take place, from darkness to light, from sin to righteousness, from ignorance to truth, from the language of our first birth to the language of our new birth in Christ. The mind has to change. “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.” (Colossians 1:13)





## **The Mind Has to Change**

I cannot stress enough the importance of learning God's new language. That is why, in the next lesson, we are going to take some time to define each of the 12 Foundation Stones, which are the essential Elements of the Gospel. Defining the Elements of the Gospel is ground breaking. With this new education the church can at last return to her first love.

As you learn the 12 Foundation Stones you will also learn the importance of the Spiritual Tools of Jesus' covenant and how prayer is one of those tools. You will begin to make the connection between your spiritual growth and the altar of Christ and regeneration. As the new life of Christ manifests your appreciation for God's Government, Truth, and Spirit increases.

God gives us the language of the 12 elements that we may understand this change and new life in Christ. Satan taught us the tradition of the flesh, but Jesus teaches us the traditions of faith; the traditions of His kingdom. It is exciting to begin to learn to speak His covenant language.

## **Fellowship With God**

Did you know that fellowship has to do with sharing the same language – sharing the same substance? We cannot expect to fellowship with God if we are speaking the language of the flesh and He is speaking the language of the covenant.

The language that God speaks is about this mystery of Christ. Jesus is the covenant. The language of the covenant unfolds this work of Christ to us, showing us how He carries out the many processes of salvation we are in covenant with Him.

## **The 12 Elements of the Gospel is the Covenant Language**

Think of the 12 elements of the gospel as learning how to speak God's covenant language. Language is made up of letters. Letters make up words and words make up sentences. God is speaking to us of Christ.



## 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.

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## 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.

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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.

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## 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 8<sup>th</sup> Week Ministries

Now is the time of restoration spoken of in Hosea 6:1-3. Second 8<sup>th</sup> Week<sup>®</sup> 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

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Second 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Week?

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

<http://www.s8wministries.org>

The Second 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> week?
- Why is the 8<sup>th</sup> Week split in half?

Because God appointed the Second 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Week Ministries

Second 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> Week.



## ***Bridge of Hope***

Together, the Apostolic Stewardship of the Second 8<sup>th</sup> 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***



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.

*Emile Annandale and Apostle Paul Odendaal  
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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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