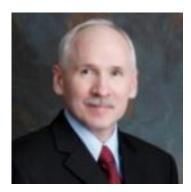


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#### Course: The Moral Code of Man



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#### Introduction

ow that God is returning the church to the New (Second) Covenant teaching, you may be sure that Satan is trying to stay one step ahead of God with his counterfeit New Covenant

teaching. Where God wants man to understand the terms that Jesus shed His blood to provide, so all can come into the new Law of Grace and Truth, Satan is desperately trying to outsmart God by setting his own terms for the covenant.

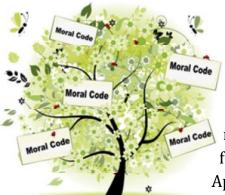
In this e-book we are going to get into what exactly that teaching is, and how to identify it when you see it or hear it. If you are a believer and love God with all your heart, I know that you do not want Satan sidetracking your faith, to where you think you are stepping into a new order with New Covenant teaching, when in actuality you are being taught to embrace the same old moral code.

It is the moral code of man that Satan hides behind. It is his favorite shield. Satan knows that we are so familiar with the moral code and so comfortable with it, that he can stand behind it with his teaching, hoping we would accept the teaching because we see something that is familiar to us—the moral code.

The moral code can also be likened to a lump of clay that Satan is able to mold any way he likes. He knows what we think and feel and our philosophy of life. Our prejudices, is shaped by the moral code and that if we do not have the record and pattern of Christ to shape our faith, the moral code will shape our faith.

What we are going to accomplish in this e-book is to disambiguate between the moral code of man and faith in Jesus Christ. We will define the moral code, identify its important points, and develop a foundation from which to study and to apply what you have learned.

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#### What is the Moral Code?

The first thing we need to establish is that the moral code is one of the 5 facets of the flesh. But knowing that will not help us if we do not know what the flesh is. So we are first going to define the flesh for you. The Flesh is what Apostle Paul wrote about in Romans chapter 8.

#### Romans 8:1-13

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

<sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

<sup>3</sup>For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

<sup>4</sup>That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

<sup>5</sup>For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

<sup>6</sup>For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

<sup>7</sup>Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

<sup>8</sup>So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

<sup>10</sup>And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

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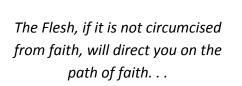
<sup>11</sup>But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

<sup>13</sup>For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

From these verses we are to understand that the flesh competes against the Spirit for God's attention, wanting to be the standard, pattern, and prototype for faith. Paul says it here when he uses the word "walk" in verse 1: "those who *walk* after the flesh".

The word *walk* tells us that there is a path that one is on, a form of activity that the flesh is following because it is on this particular path. For example, if you are a mail carrier, or Wall Street Broker, or Real Estate Agent, that is the path of life you are on as far as your career is



concerned. What you do to accomplish your work defines your career path and is the "activity" that is necessary for you to set order to your world, setting order to knowledge, defining the parameters of increase, and progress towards those goals.

The flesh, if is not circumcised from faith, will direct you on the path of faith, setting order to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, defining the parameters of your increase in His kingdom, and how you will progress towards those goals. And that is not what you want.

#### The Moral Code is God's Imprint Upon the Soul

God said, "...Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..." (Gen.1:26). This "likeness" is not referring to a simple outward form (two arms, two hands, two legs, and a head), but is referring to the many facets of God's divine nature that are imprinted within the soul.



God imprinted these 3 things within your soul to preach to us God's existence: (1) a unique signature for you to play out your talents and gifts, (2) the likeness of God in the moral code, and (3) the likeness of God in the God-Code.

As the Psalmist said, "He fashioned their hearts *alike*" (Psalms 33:15). We know that God imprinted souls with individual signatures for the function of the flesh, and like snowflakes, no two are completely

alike. This is why poets write poetry, artists paint, scientists set order to knowledge, musicians play upon their instruments, and why engineers build sky scrapers.

Each follows the uniqueness of his own signature, for God has given these as singular statements to define His purpose for each person according to the flesh. So, to what, then, is the psalmist referring? How has God fashioned all hearts alike? The psalmist is referring to our souls being modeled after God's soul, and here is where we'll begin to understand the moral code, and how the soul instinctively follows that path just like fish follow the rhythm of the current of the ocean.

This study is about the moral code and how each person possesses this unique imprint that preaches us them that God not only exists, but that they were made in the image and likeness of God.

#### **Every Soul Shares God's Characteristics**

What is God like? What are His characteristics? And, do we share those characteristics? God is a God of love and kindness; He is forgiving, full of goodness and compassion; He shows strength, endurance, and honor, and yes, all humans share these characteristics. These things speak of the moral code, which God imprinted as a memorial of Himself within each heart so that man would see Him. For just as God left a witness of Himself in nature, He also left a witness of Himself in the human soul through the moral code.

There is another purpose to the moral code: God, foreseeing the fall of man, imprinted the soul with the moral code to give man a sense of social responsibility, that he should not plunder his neighbor in thought, word, or deed.

The moral code acts as a law written in the heart by which we know not to covet, or steal, or kill—and by which we also know to love our neighbor as ourselves. The moral code acts as a governing factor for conduct, that we might not offend one another. When we understand that God has fashioned all hearts alike, that He has imprinted all souls with the same moral code, we can then also understand why many religions and philosophical societies all center on this same moral code.

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#### The Moral Center

The moral code passes through the filter of one's education and upbringing, experience, social bearing, family traditions, culture, gender, religious and philosophical background. When the moral code passes through that filter, it then produces the *moral center*, which things Paul wrote about in Romans 2:15: "Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another."

When people talk about every day choices, weighing the difference between right and wrong, defending various issues; when they talk about their potential for moral goodness, strength, honor, purity, family values, mercy, kindness, meekness, love, and world peace, they are talking from their moral center.

Why do people have instincts with morality? It is because God imprinted upon the soul after the manner of His own design. So, when people refer to "signature strengths" and the "divine spark," they are referring to these attributes of God, which all humans possess.



#### The Moral Code is But a Portion of God

So far, this seems to be very straight forward and understandable. So where does the problem come arise? The problem is that Bible teachers and ministers of the Gospel preached the moral code as righteousness. Not realizing that the moral code was simply to preach to us God's existence and was not

intended to use as a standard of righteousness they taught believers to pursue the moral code rather than Jesus Christ. You will soon learn to identify the language of the moral code when it is preached:

To live your life in front of Jesus The pure path of love Our heart has to be right We cannot compromise Giving without thought of return Forgiving from the heart We must be honest Don't live with impurity Wrongful attitudes

This is not preaching Jesus Christ, this is preaching the moral code of man. How can you tell? This is the heart of the moral code, this is not the heart of faith. When you hear this language of the moral code, notice that it is not set within the context of the covenant, but rather speaking to you about your behavior, whereas the Holy Spirit speaks to you of faith, it is speaking of the conviction of sin, whereas the Holy Spirit speaks to you of the righteousness of Christ.

**Keep in mind**: While attempting to beautify the soul with the moral code, Christians fall short of the glory of God.

It is often observed that Christians live with impure hearts for years, and still come to church without repentance. This is the conviction of the moral code speaking again. Because there is a complete lack of proper education to the covenant is it any wonder that believers lack the zeal for true faith?

It seems like we have a lot of motivation to do good, and everyone wants to do what's right, but why does it seem so difficult to carry out these desires for goodness? It can become such a struggle. [THE ASSUMPTION IS MADE THAT JUST BECAUSE GOD GAVE THE MORAL CODE AND SIGNATURE SKILLS THAT THESE COULD BE UTILIZED TO CONNECT WITH GOD; AND SUCH IS NOT THE CASE.]

A person may ask, If God provided a testimony of

Himself in the moral code, then why don't we find completion when following our moral center? This is a good question and you will notice t the same question is also being asked about one's signature: If God created us each uniquely, why can't we find completion by following our signature?

"I thought I would find godliness in the moral code (doing what is right) and I thought I would find fulfillment by following my signature, but I still don't feel whole; I still don't experience lasting peace. What is wrong with me?"

The fault lies with one's perception. The assumption is made that just because God gave the moral code and signature skills that these could be utilized to connect with God. And such is not the case. God's purpose for imprinting the moral code and signature skills within your soul was not to connect you to Him, but rather for the purpose of establishing social equity; your signature helps you find your purpose according to the flesh, and the moral code keeps society from anarchy. God gave us the gift of Jesus Christ to connect us with Him, which is why He engrafts His Spirit within those who believe.



The Bible teaches that our completion is in Jesus Christ alone; And you are complete in him [Jesus], which is the head of all principality and power" (Col.2:10). God favors us to know Him, but not as a stranger unlearned in His ways, but as sons beholding Him in all reverence to His Christ. We will never find completion and fulfillment in our lives by trying to weave Jesus into our signature gifts and moral code.

The moral code, being a portions of God, is not sanctified for faith. God gave Jesus Christ as a gift for our faith to be expressed with and then designed faith to function within His covenant for fellowship and reward. Jesus Christ is the testimony of God, the living memorial of God within the souls of those who believe. This establishes Jesus Christ as the testimony for faith to bring us to His fulness, as the Bible says, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily" (Col.2:9); "And he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Col.1:17).

What we learned here is that the moral code, being the portion of God, but not the fulness, cannot bring righteousness to the soul.

#### The Measure of a Man

What we are doing here is clearing up some confusion that exists because of false expectations based on the moral code. Many moral codes and laws arise within each society to bring to life the moral footprint of the soul. The conscience develops a validation system for its moral footprint and pairs it with a system of works that support the soul's function. As each concept of the moral footprint has evolved, support has been formed to validate the witness of the conscience. However, the conscience cannot carry the moral code to righteousness, and as a result, falls into condemnation because the moral code is the *measure of man*, it is not the *measure of God*.

The moral code carries the testimony of God's memorial so that man would seek after Him, yet God has not empowered this testimony of Himself to bring the soul into His rest.

This is why apostle Paul said, "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing" (Rom.7:18). In the flesh dwells:

- No righteousness
- No holiness
- No equity
- No faith
- No virtue

The conscience that tries to carry "The Flesh" (moral code/center) to righteousness is defiled by the very things it carries and by the fruit it produces. The "defiled conscience" carries the testimony of the flesh, not the testimony of Christ's righteousness.

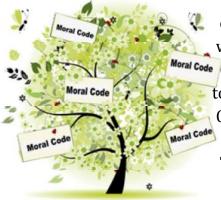
[GOD SET CONDEMNATION UPON THE FLESH AND THOSE WHO FOLLOW ITS PATTERN; FOR MAN ALIGNS HIMSELF WITH THE RHYTHM OF NATURE AND THE CURSE RATHER THAN FAITH AND COVENANT FOR THE BLESSING.]

So, the flesh tries to carry the motions of piety and goodness, apart from the power of God. As Paul stated, "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2Tim.3:5).

The flesh carries a voice that appears to have spiritual significance; as Paul stated, "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification" (1Cor.14:10). Each facet of the flesh has a "voice of promise", but continues to increase the bruise of iniquity in the soul.

Again, we observe how "The Flesh" is not defined by the physical body, but rather by the appetite of the soul that seeks honor and approval, peace and security by its own record.

God set condemnation upon the flesh and those who follow its pattern; for man aligns himself with the rhythm of nature and the curse rather than faith and



covenant for the blessing. Man comes into agreement with the knowledge of the world, his signature, the God-Code, and the moral code, working with Satan's imagery to build confidence and establish a memorial to self, not Christ.

Therefore, the testimony of self is in this record of the flesh, and the appetite is yoked to the knowledge, tools, and system of the kingdom of darkness

promises a boast, but merely increases the fruits of shame. 1Cor.6:12, "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." This simply means that he expression of the moral center is not sin, for without it the world would be in anarchy. But it is sin to define righteousness by that virtue.

#### God Designed you With Himself in Mind

We were created with eternal substance: we were created by God and for Him, with eternal things in mind—God designed with Himself in mind. This is why we need an

eternal substance to hang onto, that does not fade away, is not subject to rust or decay, where Satan cannot enter to steal, kill, and destroy. The eternal substance with which we were created, must be used to reciprocate to God.

Hence, Jesus provided a *new birth* and a *new baptism* and *new knowledge* in Himself by which He forms His nature in us. Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance are reflective of the fruit of the Spirit by the operation of God rather than the working of the moral code.

#### Who's Doing Satan's Dirty Work?

Satan understands how the soul lives in expectation of following the moral code for wholeness, yet is challenged by the defiled conscience. Satan uses the soul's rhythm with the moral imprint to put into action a perspective that uses morality to replace godliness, separating holiness from Jesus Christ. In essence, he is saying: You desire morality, I will give you a framework through which you can actuate that morality; I

will even provide scripture for your comfort level; *I will give you your conscience*, and you will feel you are increasing in goodness and righteousness. Can you see how easily Satan uses the moral code to counterfeit righteousness?

Satan is a master at cleverly manipulating the strings of the conscience with scripture. And because of this, Jesus made a point of stating how surprised people will be when He says to them, "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Mt.7:23). These are the same people who said that they did many wonderful works in His name, works that included every manner of humanitarian and charitable work.

One would think that Jesus would be happy with the display of the flesh with morality and goodness. Jesus was not prohibiting people from helping one another; [SATAN MANIPULATES THE CONSCIENCE BY USING THE MORAL FOOTPRINT IN THE SOUL AS A FORM OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND A FORM OF PIETY REMOVED FROM GOD'S POWER

He was identifying how Satan manipulates the conscience by using the moral footprint in the soul as a form of righteousness and a form of piety removed from God's power, and why these "works" are rejected: These works of charity are born of another kingdom, and I did not author them.

Your conscience was validated by these works, which were was supported by another system with another frame of knowledge; And Therefore, I know you not.

As we view how the conscience does this (develops a validation system for its moral footprint and then pairs it with a system of works in support of the soul's function), we are able to then understand "validation" as yet another aspect of Satan's code of deception by which he deceives.

Jesus was not fooled by Satan's pretense; He withstood the religious leaders of His day who also followed this pattern (of needing to validate the witness of the conscience by using the moral footprint of the soul), fathered by Satan. The

Pharisees brought to Jesus a woman who was caught in the act of adultery, saying to Him, "Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?" (Jn.8:4,5).

Jesus knew that the Pharisees, who lived by precept rather than faith, were under Satan's rulership and reasoning by his blueprint of deception. As such, He knew, too, that they infused the moral footprint of the soul into their conscience as a way of expressing righteousness to God, trying to justify their convictions by the law of Moses.

Rather than turning to the law for expressing faith, they used Moses to validate the code of their conscience and wanted Jesus to validate a system of morality they errantly developed out of the law. By using the woman caught in adultery, they attempted to justify their defiled conscience, shield their faithlessness, and bring peace to their own troubled soul, by pointing the finger of condemnation elsewhere.



Jesus demonstrated how fragile their support system was by stooping down and writing with His finger on the ground the sins of each man present, which when coming to the could not overcome. And one by one, they left the scene.

woman, suddenly abandon the scene? Their conscience was defiled by falling back on their personal convictions of morality for the expression of faith. But what they sought for validation—the law of Moses—proved insufficient to provide when the shield of their conscience was removed by Christ.

And because their support system failed, they were ashamed, being found naked. It was made obvious that they were not using Moses for the expression of faith, but rather the law of Moses as a shield for their own conscience, which in the end, only proved their own hypocrisy.

In using a framework of morality to actuate for themselves a form of righteousness, they produced an image –aspiration- of godliness, that they could not achieve. Satan had successfully taught them to join scripture to their moral footprint to create "self-validation" experiences, which God called "self-righteousness". But when that support was forced to be withdrawn by the challenge of the truth of Jesus, their conscience could not sustain the system of false justifications against the challenge. And because the law of Moses provided no healing of the conscience from sin; therefore, their sin remained. Sadly, we see that the conscience, ruled by sin, drives the will to resolve conflict and find equity for the increase the soul.

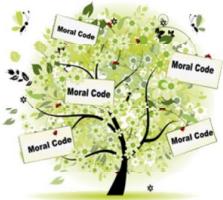
This is because darkness reverses the power, giving rule to the imagination over faith, which causes the soul to decrease. If Jesus had not challenged the Pharisees, they would have continued in their boast. When the soul replaces the expression of faith through Christ with the validation of a moral footprint, then the soul falls into faithlessness, which God calls evil. Although God has given each individual the power to reason good from evil, He has not given man the power to control either one.

#### **The Moral Footprint is Not For Faith**

The moral footprint was not given for faith, but to teach us about life. Just as a poet uses stress patterns to indicate rhythm for the way he wishes his poems to be read, so also God informs us of how the conscience reads life through its encoded moral footprint, thus relating to us our first birth into this struggle of good and evil.

Satan, on the other hand, uses this struggle to his own advantage, suggesting that life revolves upon a set course of action whereby we use good to oppose evil. And this sets a false function for the soul based on the conscience—that of overcoming evil with good by the moral code.

God never intended that we should overcome evil with good through the moral footprint. When the apostle Paul wrote: "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom.12:21), he was not speaking with regards to the moral footprint of the soul; he was speaking within the context of the covenant of faith in Jesus Christ. Truth is designed by God to shield the soul, purge the conscience, and increase the soul by forming the likeness of Christ's virtues within.



As the will is empowered by the Spirit, the soul experiences joy through the release of charity, thus subduing the conscience to agree with the Spirit, and allowing the peace of God to rule the heart. Faith is born by this submission of the will to God, which is a whole different kingdom, a whole different rhythm, and an entirely different experience for the soul.

Again, we are decoding Satan's deceptive use of the flesh and the system of sin to ensnare humanity with strategies of faith expressions that center on goodness and morality, but decrease the soul instead of increasing it.

Through his fathering of many behavioral and moral codes, Satan was hoping to show that the will could be challenged by the conscience and chastised to set a better path for one's feet. That virtue, however, is not equal to Christ, and therefore identified of God as "self" righteousness. Do you see Satan's counterfeit?

Just as Satan did this to the Pharisees, so he does this today, showing how humanity is served by a vast array of moral codes, each ringing true to the moral footprint, and each providing a collection of navigation tools and clues for life's "journey" of self-discovery. By combining many diverse combinations of the Beatitudes, the law

of Moses, and the Sermon on the Mount, Satan has been able to give humanity a pragmatic faith system that is both flexible and fluent to validate any conscience.

Using good behavior and moral decency as a pattern for faith's expression toward God, may ease the conscience, but does not purge it, and consequently, distorts the soul's God as irrelevant. It is these very moral codes and navigation tools that Satan uses to continue to endorse his standard of ethics upon humanity as a replacement for faith.

This same system of endorsing a moral code is seen at the very beginning when he sanctioned and legitimized Adam's choice to eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. By this endorsement, Satan authenticated for Adam that his search for completion could be found in orienting himself with the knowledge of

a moral code (what is "good and evil.") This endorsement was felt as a "shield" that provided an ongoing false justification or a false "covering", if you will, for Adam to carry out his transgression against God.

In other words, what happens, is that the conscience follows a record of knowledge to bring legitimacy to its choices, for when legitimacy is felt, the soul feels "justified" in yielding to that knowledge frame and the course it chose. The soul then unconsciously shields itself with this accrued record of "false" justifications, particularly when truth challenges it.

In the kingdom of darkness, the conscience follows the record of the soul to reason good against evil in hopes of proving oneself to be true to the moral footprint, thereby exonerating faithless choices and escaping the pinch of guilt and shame.

This is the validation process we are speaking about: When thoughts arise in the heart, the conscience enters into a meticulous process of searching the accrued record of the soul and its many accompanying false justifications to reason and create a self-witness for the purpose of either condemning or excusing one's thoughts or actions (Rom.2:15).

In the kingdom of darkness, the conscience follows the record of the soul to reason good against evil in hopes of proving oneself to be true to the moral footprint, thereby exonerating faithless choices and escaping the pinch of guilt and shame.

In addition to using the record of the soul, the text of scriptures is also used as a record for reasoning. Many confidently, yet errantly, teach that one merely has to "search the Bible" in order to train the conscience to know the difference between what is good and what is evil. When one joins the moral footprint of the soul to scripture for use of validation, then one is comforted in *assuming* that God is directing their thoughts.

Such false confidence was found in the Pharisees, who reasoned good against evil by turning to the scriptures of Moses to validate and enforce their own moral footprint and the record of their own conscience, which they used as a social system for all, and which Jesus called "the tradition of man."

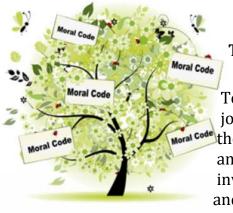
#### Summary of the Moral Code

The moral code acts as a law written in the heart: do not covet, do not steal, do not kill, etc. It acts as a governing factor for our conduct that so that we would not offend one another, but it does not govern faith. Again, the very things we see in God, we see in humanity: Goodness, forgiveness, love, joy, meekness, kindness, and patience. You don't have to be a Christian to have these characteristics; every culture has some kind of law or set of rules to guide moral behavior based on the moral center.

Satan, who has been deceiving mankind from the beginning, successfully mingled the natural rhythm of the soul with the moral imprint, setting forth a perspective that replaces godliness with morality and thus, separates holiness from the believer and from Jesus Christ.

The moral center is thought to return one to innocence and thought to be of power to win both God's approval and man's, but the soul, separated from God, continues to come to the same point of crisis and despair, searching for something new to bridge it's experience.

The real issue is that God cannot receive the moral code/center as righteousness, for it is a virtue that is less than Himself; as Jesus said to the self-righteous Pharisees, "you judge after the flesh" (Jn.8:15). In other words, you use your conscience as a judge. The conscience that carries the conviction of the moral center cannot stand before the Righteousness of God that is in Christ Jesus, meaning that the conscience cannot carry the moral center to righteousness, and therefore cannot restore equity in the heart. The heart reflects the conviction of the conscience.



#### True Faith

To mortify the flesh Christians walk after the Spirit by joining their faith to those things God has sanctified for their contact with Him. Placing value for faith only in Christ and not in the moral code, results in God's active involvement in your faith as He daily circumcises your heart and mind, and your soul experiences a daily separation from the powers of the flesh.

Jesus mediates the covenant and manifests Himself as He promised, and your soul experiences the present reality of Christ in His daily issuance of grace as the appetites are shifting by that contact, and temperance, peace, joy, and love are birthed in your heart.

Blessed are they who know God in truth through fruit bearing for their faith stands by the power of God and requires nothing of the flesh. As we can see, learning to live in victory over the flesh is essentially connected to learning how to walk by the Spirit.

#### False faith

Christians have misinterpreted faith. Seeing that the immorality of the world was offensive to God, they tried to change that with the moral code/center, using the Bible to support their conscience; "We are not as the sinner—we have morals—we see from God's perspective." Believers thought they could overcome the world's immorality" by applying the precept of scripture to their morals, misinterpreting faith to mean, "We have the Bible to teach us right from wrong and to teach us how to love and forgive."

Self-validation through scripture is part of the system Satan uses as a riskmanagement strategy to control the need for morality. Knowing that the conscience must follow a moral path, Satan falsely validates the righteousness of God through

the conscience by fabricating a spiritual union with the moral footprint of the soul and giving support through select scriptures or other spiritual texts.

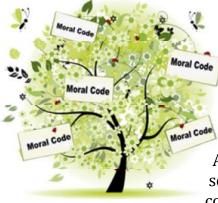
These endless combinations and patterns of spiritual principles, while seemingly pragmatic and hopeful solutions, actually rival and compete against the law of grace and truth, which God set in Jesus Christ; they are nothing more than a *temporary* validation system that mitigates the suffering of the soul *for the moment*. They do not form the virtues of Christ in the soul, nor provide the form of sustained healing that Christ authors for the soul through His contact and mediation.

The system of Satan supporting, approving, and sanctioning his own record of false knowledge works in a flattering union with the record of the soul as well as the individual's aspiration and principle; for his intent has been to validate as true and legitimate each person's own journey toward order and completion. This was Adam's experience with Satan's deception; as long as Adam placed confidence in the validation Satan provided, then Adam's conscience was quiet; thus, we see how

Satan held Adam's conscience in his hand. Adam could then proceed in the flattering light of Satan's knowledge (which is darkness), without inhibition, to reach out and project for the things God had promised him.

But when Satan no longer supported Adam's imagination, Adam's conscience became unshielded, and he lost the empowerment of aspiration and false justification that his imagination needed to sustain its journey with the soul. And it is the same for all who ignorantly proceed by the darkness of Satan's blueprint. Adam had nothing more to arouse his aspiration; the false justification of his conscience had been removed, and Adam was left naked (Gen.3:11).

He had lost the light of God's presence and glory, as well as his false shield, which left him with nothing to cloak himself. Feeling the sudden impact of the full brunt of his conscience crying out in guilt and shame, and the record of his soul announcing loudly with full accuracy the details of his sin, Adam hid from God.



Lost in this same validation loop of the conscience and the influence of false knowledge, humanity continues to hide from God. The pattern of Satan, in supporting, approving, sanctioning, and legitimizing his record of false knowledge and the record of the soul, always forms a conviction within Adam.

Adam, nevertheless hopes that the conviction will cause his soul to increase and be carried to an experience of completion.

The misfocus of faith on gaining what is called a "biblical perspective" on these issues, resulted in bringing Jesus down to the common level of the flesh to give witness to the brute nature, and by this act, to make God into one's own image. This grieves the Spirit who will only give witness to Christ. And by this offensive act of their imaginations, their souls remain tethered to Satan's kingdom, rather than being joined to the kingdom of God by faith.

#### **Basic Instinct**

The moral code is the default of the soul. You were created with this imprint from God to preach to you of His existence, that you are created in His image and likeness. This is why atheists cannot disprove God, the very moral code they draw from daily testifies of His existence.

But they know God by instinct, and then become angry with God because He does either did not conform to them, disappointed them in some way, or they simply desire to live independent of Him. Sad isn't it? But you know, many believers in Christ do the same thing. I'm not saying that they are angry with God, but that they live their faith independent of Him. They want the benefits of the death and resurrection of Christ, but live by the moral code rather than the covenant. This independent faith is what spiritual fornication is all about.

They are still living by the instincts of the moral code. The apostles defined this for us in the Bible, about the natural man, the carnal mind, and the old man.

The flesh is also called "the natural man."

But *the natural man* receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (1Cor.2:14)

The flesh is also called "the old man."

That ye put off concerning the former conversation *the old man*, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts. (Eph.4:22)

The flesh is also called "the carnal mind."

Because *the carnal mind* is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (Rom.8:4)

The flesh is enmity (abomination) with God because it follows the course of this world.

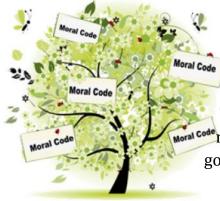
Wherein in time past ye walked according to *the course of this world*, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. (Eph.2:2)

The flesh is enmity (abomination) with God because it follows the rudiments of this world.

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after *the rudiments of the world*, and not after Christ (Col 2:8).

The flesh is called "The Natural Man" because it follows the rhythm of our first birth, which we all inherited from Adam, and is the pattern we leave behind in Christ. 1Cor.15:22,45, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>45</sup>And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."

The old nature identifies the former knowledge, tools of expression, carnal perception, and habits of mind that we formerly found to be productive when in the



kingdom of darkness, but now find of no value as we are being productive with Christ's new knowledge, His new tools, and a new perspective from God's throne. The natural man (the flesh, the brute nature) follows the rhythm of nature, which is the course of this world and is governed by Satan's kingdom.

His children pursue the rhythm of nature as the path of life, and thus God calls them "children of disobedience"; for to live by the rhythm of nature is contrary to Christ and not subject to God. This path is seductive because it falls into rhythm with man's fallen nature, feelings, needs, and vulnerabilities.

Ironically, when the church fell away from the truth believers tried to fight the nature of man with the nature of man, which led to the development of a whole system that spoiled faith by these traditions.

The Spirit is bringing to our attention that both the flesh and the Spirit offer a path for you to walk on. The flesh will set the parameters of faith according to man's instincts (we will cover more of that a little later), and the Spirit will set the parameters of faith according to the terms Jesus died to provide us for our contact with God. We easily understand that when something presents itself as a path, pattern for faith, defining the parameters of faith, this standard is the "law" a person follows. We can immediately pick up the importance of knowing what the flesh is to ensure that it is not setting standards for our walk of faith, for it is the law of sin and death.

Promises are made to man's basic instincts with the moral code: you can be a better person, if you learn to forgive you will open the door to many blessings, if you open your heart to others you will honor the Lord.

Condemnation is upon the flesh because it because it tries to express itself as righteousness. The soul was created by God for the expression of God by the knowledge and record of Christ for redemption and fellowship; it was not created or designed to expresses itself with the record of the flesh.

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When you come into God's kingdom, He begins to circumcise the soul and change the way you think; He gives you new knowledge and a new perception.

#### What Qualifies You for the Grace of God?

Never forget: you are always equal to that which qualifies you for God's grace. If you believe sin is what qualifies you for the grace of God, then your Christian experience will continue to be equal to that power. If Jesus Christ qualifies you for the grace of God then your Christian experience will continue to be equal to His power, and you will experience His fulness.

This fullness is experienced by His daily issuance of grace to the soul and in the fruit of the Spirit that is formed within the heart. It is further experienced

- by the purged conscience wherein the Spirit of God bears witness to His authorship of faith (Jesus is our testimony and not sin)
- by peace that is not dependent upon by circumstance;
- by equity that is not by the law of our own principle;
- by wisdom that is not earthly; and
- by knowledge that is not sensual. It is further experienced
- by our freedom from the wisdom of the world
- by our freedom from the law of sin and death
- by the Holy Spirit giving substance to our hope of knowing God each day

On the other hand, when sin qualifies you to for the grace of God then sin continues to be your experience. This is why

- the church struggles against sin,
- the conscience remains defiled (sin is continually brought to remembrance),
- spiritual warfare is carnal and loops one's faith to his own perspective,
- hope is a projection of the imagination with scripture (whereby one uses the tools of aspiration to drive the will towards achieving "something" for God),
- human aspiration replaces faith,
- human principle replaces truth, and
- self-control replaces the temperance born of the Spirit.



If sin is the qualifier for grace, then we will continue to experience the cycle of sin unto death, (Rom.6:16). This is why we hear Christians repeatedly confessing sin. But if Jesus Christ is the qualifier for grace our, then our experience follows the pattern God set for us in Him, which is righteousness unto holiness (Rom.6:19). He is then our experience for faith, righteousness, and charity. This is why Jesus Christ is the testimony of the righteous—we confess Him (not sin).

You do not want the fruit that grows on the tree of the moral code. These distinctions were lost to the church when apostles ceased to teach the doctrine of Christ. There is good news, however; God is now returning the church to her first love and returning Christ to the element of grace. It was God's plan to raise you up to His level by providing Jesus Christ for your faith. Therefore, sin cannot qualify you for God's grace. The focus of our faith must never be shifted from Jesus Christ to sin.

#### **The Seal of Your Faith**

The word *walk* is used twice in Romans chapter 8 and 35 times in the epistles. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not *walk* in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (Jn.8:12).

Your walk with God is a covenant walk! It is not a walk of the flesh, it is a beautiful walk of the Spirit, whereby God seals unto you all the promises that are in Jesus Christ.

This "seal of faith" is not poetic language, it is a vital principle that you must learn if you truly want covenant faith.

**Remember:** God seals our faith by the Spirit, not by the flesh. A "seal" is that which joins us to God. God set His mark of approval upon Jesus Christ and all the spiritual tools of the Second Covenant that by these He might join us to Him.

The Bible says that a witness from above (the witness of the Spirit) accompanies our faith to seal it, letting us know that what we are doing is approved of God (meets his expectation perfectly).

So what does that have to do with this course about the moral code? Simply that if a person does not know how God seals our faith by the witness of the Spirit then they will continue to look to the moral code for the witness of God. The flesh does not carry the witness of God.

#### How Does the Witness of God Work?

If we do not establish what the terms of the covenant are then this language of a "new order", while sounding promising, will not join you to the witness of the Spirit, and you will not realize that there is no substance for the soul and wonder why you still feel empty inside.

First you need a <u>covenant</u> that God initiated planned, and became the prototype for. The witness of the Spirit is not beholden to man and is not accountable to man, but to God. The witness of the Spirit does not work with the flesh, it works with the covenant of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the firstborn, the prototype of your faith: "For whom He did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the *firstborn* among many brethren" (Rom.8:29).

To reveal and remove Satan's counterfeit from faith we need to lay a lot of groundwork for your

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understanding. We are introducing you to the covenant language that is in the Bible, but forgotten for hundreds of years during the time when the church walked according to the flesh.



Now that God is restoring the church, He is reintroducing the covenant language. If we do not take the time to do this, then what you hear will continue ambiguous and you will not know when someone is preaching to you the flesh, or Jesus Christ.

For example, it is currently taught that The New Covenant represents a "new era, a new order under which we are called to live." If we do not establish what

the terms of the covenant are then this language of a "new order", while sounding promising, will not join you to the witness of the Spirit, and you will not realize that there is no substance for the soul and wonder why you still feel empty inside.

Another good example of language that is ambiguous: It is also taught that the New Covenant is about getting our hearts right before God: "If our heart is not right, we won't receive God's approval for our actions. We cannot serve the Lord without being sure that our hearts are pure and right before Him."

Two things are wrong with this: (1) The Bible teacher has not disambiguated between the heart of the moral code and the heart of faith. Without having that distinction made for you, chances are you are going to just continue on with the moral code because in the absence of truth, the flesh defaults to its basic instincts with the moral code.

(2) The Bible teacher also does not explain the terms of the covenant, so a person does not understand the standard of faith that is in Jesus Christ, the pattern and record of our faith. Our actions (moral code) will never be approved of God, God only approves of Jesus Christ. The moral code is still acting as a substitute for Jesus, which thing God calls sin. Do you see Satan's counterfeit faith at work here?

(3) A person cannot be "sure" that their heart is pure and right before God by measuring it to the moral code, that is the measure of a man. You will need to learn how to measure your faith to Jesus Christ by learning the terms and tools of the New (Second) Covenant He shed His blood for.

I am sure that the author of that teaching desperately desires the witness of God upon his faith. But that is not going to happen unless she knows what the terms of

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the covenant are. It does us no good to hear that Jesus came to give us a completely new order and then not to state what that order is, state that God is challenging the condition of the heart, but not disambiguate between the heart of the moral code and the heart of faith—not instruct how to walk in the righteousness of Christ.

We learned what the moral code is, how it operates, how Satan uses it as a counterfeit righteousness. As you move along in this course you will learn what true faith is and how different it is from the moral code. and benefit from being able to discern between the heart of the moral code and the heart of faith.

The witness of God upon your faith is powerful. But before we move on to learn about the witness, we need to first answer some basic questions about the covenant. You need to know the terms of the covenant in order to walk in them.

#### What is God's covenant with man?

As you know, sin separates man from God. After Adam sinned God separated Adam from Him, "So he [God] drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life" (Gen.3:24). Every person is born into this condition of separation from God. For the Bible says, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom.3:23).

A covenant is the terms God set for man to observe to be joined back to Him. When man meets the conditions of the these terms God:

- forgives sins,
- allow man to engage with Him for fellowship, and
- accept man's faith.

#### Deuteronomy 29

1. These are the words of the covenant, which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

9. Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

12. That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the Lord thy God, and into his oath, which the Lord thy God maketh with thee this day.



From Deuteronomy chapter 29 the Lord makes us to understand that the covenant has "words" that must be heard, learned, and obeyed. From these scriptures we also understand God's will that we "enter" into covenant with Him and "keep" covenant with Him.

God takes ownership of your soul when you are in covenant with Him. When we read Deuteronomy chapter 29 in its entirety we further understand the Lord to say that those who forsake the covenant forsake God.

The word covenant means: The agreed participation of faith with the KNOWLEDGE and TOOLS given, with the hope of the promises in return.

Do not misunderstand. God is not agreeing to our terms, nor expecting us to set the conditions whereby we may approach unto Him, nor is He waiting for us to act on His word so He can act on our behalf. We are agreeing to God's terms and conditions and thereby coming into conformity to Him. On what grounds are you approaching God if you do not know what it means to be in covenant with Him?

Finally, the covenant teaches us God's purpose. While many books are being written about the importance of knowing and finding God's purpose, faith practitioners do not understand the terms of Christ's covenant and therefore do not teach these first principles of Christ, nor do they live by them. In this void of knowledge God's purpose is reduced to the fabric of our life.

#### Is the New Testament the Second Covenant?

Is the New Testament the Second Covenant? Yes the New Testament is the Second Covenant. The Bible calls this Second Covenant the New Covenant or the New

Testament for which Jesus shed His blood. When Jesus said, "This is my blood of the NEW TESTAMENT" He was establishing a new covenant in Himself. God uses the word "testament" and "covenant" interchangeably.

#### Hebrews 8:7-8

7. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second [covenant].

8. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

- The First Covenant was established through Moses.
- The Second Covenant was established through Jesus Christ.

#### Hebrews 10: 9, 19-20

9. Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first [covenant], that he may establish the second [covenant].

19. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,20. By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.

It is important for you to know the new and living way to serve God through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Therefore it is important for you to know the differences between the First Covenant and the Second Covenant and what that means for your faith. What does God expect from you now that you believe in Jesus Christ? How if your faith to be expressed?

Jesus emphasized Himself as truth because He was establishing Himself as the record of our faith. The record of Christ is the blueprint (or pattern) He gave for our faith and is the "knowledge" of Him that we are to follow for our expression and experience of Him.

- The record contains
- the authorized terms,
- commandments, tools, and
- contact points for faith that God established as a "framework" to set the "boundaries" of faith.
- This is also called "The Doctrine of Christ," which is ordained by God to be both the pattern and the model for our faith (2Jn.9).

When the children of Israel wandered from the covenant and pattern God established for them through Moses, they walked by a different record, and everyone followed their own heart. And that's what the Lord said not to do: "Ye



shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes" (Deut.12:8).

When the church wandered from the covenant and pattern God established for her through apostles, Christians also walked by a different record, and everyone followed their own heart. God is now restoring the church to the Second Covenant and faith to the record of Christ.

#### Why God Restricted Faith to the Covenant

Have you noticed that the word "restriction" can sometimes leave a bad taste in your mouth? Our natural inclination is to come and go as we please—to be free spirited. Many times, because Christians misunderstand the word restriction they fight against it, thinking it is a call to legalism. Let me assure you that it is not.

Understanding what God means by "restriction" makes all the difference in the world. God made a promise to Himself and to humanity concerning the terms of our redemption, and then He restricted His covenant terms to the Oath He made , that our faith might be made living and perfect only in Him.

God wants us to understand that He bound Himself to the terms of our redemption and that He preserves His tradition in faith, not in stone. God is living and not dead; He is the living tradition of our faith and desires our faith to be made living in Him. The Bible declares: "Can two walk together accept they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3)

God set in Himself certain terms He would abide by and faith takes on that meaning for us and is empowered by God only within that context. It is therefore important that we know what the terms are that God has restricted Himself to that we may reciprocate "in kind" and restrict our faith to them.

Do you know that God did not accept the children of Israel as they were (on their own terms)? He only accepted them on the terms of the covenant He gave them. God accepted their faith when they brought their sacrifices to the temple, observed the Sabbath laws, dietary laws, feasts days, and cleansing laws.

Deuteronomy 10:12

"And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God REQUIRE of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul."

Both in the old testament and in the new God uses the word "covenant" to let us know that which He has bound Himself to for our experience. A covenant describes the boundaries that God has restricted Himself to for the purpose of providing redemption upon the grounds He has set to prove faith.

The witness is the empowerment of God upon your faith to activate all the promises of God in Christ Jesus.

**This is the Divine pattern**: That which God authorizes in Jesus Christ (the Record), He also empowers (the Witness). Thus, we "Taste the good word of God and the powers of the world to come" (Heb.6:5).

These are some of the most important promises that are found in Jesus Christ:

- Jesus promised that He would stand for us before the throne of God as your mediator.
   *"For there is one God, and one MEDIATOR between God and men, the man Christ*
- Jesus" (1 Tim.1:5).
  2) Jesus promised that He would be the pattern and record for our faith. "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son" (1 John 5:11).
- 3) Jesus said that if we believe this He would give us eternal life. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son" (1 Jn. 5:10).
- 4) Jesus promised that if we use His spiritual tools we would touch Him and He would touch us with His virtue. *"And Jesus said, Somebody hath touched Me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me" (Lk.8:46).*
- 5) Jesus promised to become the new law for our faith that He would write within our hearts and in our minds.

"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them" (Heb.10:16).

"For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (Jn.1:17).

- 6) Jesus promised that He would heal the soul from the scars Satan inflicted upon the soul and also create within the soul His fruit. *"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Titus 3:5).*
- 7) Jesus promised to be our peace. *"PEACE I leave with you, my PEACE I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (Jn.14:27).*
- 8) Jesus promised that we would overcome ourselves, the world, and the devil by our testimony of Him. *"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us"* (*Rom.8:37*).

As I said, these are just a few of the promises that Jesus made to those who keep covenant with Him. We do not walk in these dear and precious promises just because the Bible says so, we walk in the reality of Jesus Christ between we are in covenant with Him and honor the divine connection God made between His spiritual tokens and the witness of the Spirit.

#### The Tokens of the Covenant

Now that you have more of an understanding of the terms of the covenant we need to know about the tokens of the covenant. You need tokens of the covenant in order for Jesus to stand for you and for the Spirit to join you to God and you to experience Jesus' promises.

We said that God set in Himself certain terms He would abide by and faith takes on that meaning for us and is empowered by God. To this Jesus agreed when He said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments," (Jn.14:15), meaning that we are to commit our faith to the hearing and doing of His record and use His spiritual tools to

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reciprocate charity, fellowship, honor Him, and increase His kingdom. That is what it means to love God and to know Him. We know Him by this form of engagement and activity. This is the walk of faith we talked about earlier.

The tokens of the covenant are the tools of the covenant that represent Jesus Christ. The Bible talks about the tools that God has assigned to each covenant. These tools

are tokens of God's covenant. They represent Him in your faith and as you exercise your faith with them, they represent you before the throne of God.

The best way to understand this is to look at the token God gave to Noah after the flood. Notice how the token was joined to God's covenant.

Genesis 9:11-17

11. And I will establish my covenant with you, neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

12. And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations:

13. I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

14. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud:

15. And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh.

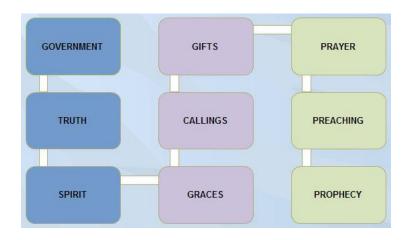
16. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.
17. And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

God speaks very plainly in these scriptures that He represents Himself in covenant by a token. In this case, the rainbow is the token and it represents God's promise not to destroy the earth by water.

• The token represents God to the people as if to say, "This rainbow represents My promise to you."

- The token puts man in remembrance of God. Upon seeing the rainbow, people were to reflect upon God's faithfulness and trust in His word not to flood the earth again.
- The token put God in remembrance of us and His promise.

God sprinkled the blood of Jesus on His spiritual tools, thus sanctifying them for you. The early apostles talked about the spiritual tools of Jesus in many ways. In his writings, Paul called them "things": "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those "things" which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (Col.3:1). What are the "things" that came from above that we, as believers are to seek after?" Of course, they are the tokens of God's Second Covenant, they are the tools of our faith:



The 9 Spiritual Tools of the New (Second) Covenant

These things (tools) represent your faith to God, that He would be in remembrance of you. By these tools Jesus is your advocate, He represents you before the throne of God. When you honor God by restricting your faith to the terms of God's new covenant, you remain tethered to God, tied to Him, joined to Him and remain within the orbit of His care and His promises.

You are touching Jesus by touching the things that Jesus sanctified with His blood. These are the things from above that are in Christ Jesus that God has provided for our labour of faith for our contact with Him to know Him.



### The Works of the Covenant

When you think about "works" don't think about yourself or the basic lifestyle choices of the flesh, or about changing your behavior, think about Jesus Christ. He is your faith the framework of it and the experience of it. This may seem

strange to you at first, to not think that God is addressing your basic lifestyle choices of the flesh, but as you will learn, God has a way of forming the new man in you are you use the tools of Christ.

Many Christians feel they are lacking in power to live for God, they feel powerless against Satan, and at a loss to know what God expects of them. They are told that if they feel that way, it's not God's fault. The power is within them and all they need to do is turn on the switch!

That is not good Bible teaching. There is no switch to turn on. God uses very specific iconic covenant language to instruct us in the faith, to tell us what we need to do based on the design He has already set in place.

When a person is instructed in the doctrine of Christ they can begin to see in the pages of the Bible a very clear picture of how God planned to make Christ's presence manifested among us, what we are to labor with for faith to be effectual, and what He would do on our behalf. Consider the tools of the covenant when reading Philippians.

Phil.2:12, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

Phil.2:13, "For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

This is why the apostle James said, "Faith without works is dead," Jas.2:26. Faith that is joined to the activity that God sanctified for our contact is living.

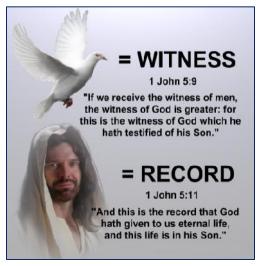
Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments," Jn.14:15. Jesus set the terms of our love on the basis of our engagement of faith with His Second Covenant

commandments. The commandments of Jesus are not commandments of the flesh, they are the commandments of faith. Therefore the works of the Second Covenant are not works of the flesh, but works of faith that show God that we love Him. Our labour with government, truth, and Spirit, our labour with the gifts, callings, and grace of God, our labour with prayer, preaching, and prophecy is our labour of love that makes faith living because the Spirit of God enters into the labour and Jesus mediates the blessings of the covenant through this labour.

This is why we need the tools of the covenant. When we use these things from above to love God, keep His commandments and experience Christ, God works in us. These works do not add to the work of Christ nor do these works earn our salvation.

God planed our redemption with our participation in mind. Therefore, God gave the tools of the covenant and sprinkled these with the blood of Jesus and set the law of grace and truth within them, so that our faith, being joined to Him through this activity would be made living by the Spirit. Herein we see that God planned for our spiritual increase in Him to come through this form of contact and activity of faith. God initiated contact for our sanctified participation within the restrictions of His covenant.

### The Witness is Upon the Tokens of Christ



The divine pattern: The Record & Witness

There is a divine pattern your faith must follow: The witness of the Spirit must rest upon the record of Jesus Christ.

The Bible gives this testimony and pattern for your faith when at Jesus' baptism the Spirit of God alighted upon Him like a dove and the voice of the Father's sanctification was heard to say, "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

From this we are to understand the divine pattern that God established for our faith, that the Spirit of God rests upon all things of Christ for the purpose of sanctifying our faith. The witness of God is upon Jesus Christ, not the moral code.

### The True Record of Man is God

The true record of man is God Himself; everything else is the lie. If Jesus were to stand before you right now He would say, "I, the record of your faith, am teaching you to accept Me as the only measure of faith." What that means is that your faith must labor with the things of Jesus Christ to be accepted of God.

Thank God that He has given us a rich treasure house of tokens in Christ! The psalmist said, "Salvation belongs unto the Lord" (Ps.3:8). That means that God has to grant you an experience in Him. It is the Spirit that directs us to labor in faith with these things of Jesus for our experience of Him. The Spirit of God stands ready to bear witness to Jesus Christ, ready to empower faith, ready to give life to the soul, and ready to confirm Jesus Christ as we labor in faith with His tools.



The witness of the Spirit upon the Record of Jesus Christ as seen in the these tools: Government, Truth, and Spirit

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In the illustration above we can see how Jesus is in His tools: Government –this is Jesus; truth —this is Jesus; Spirit —this is Jesus. We can understand the witness of the Spirit that abides upon Jesus Christ (His tools) just as it did at His baptism. That is a sign for us, that faith is powerful when it represents Jesus Christ perfectly.

The witness is that which is living. If the Spirit did not accompany the token (tool) your faith would be dead. But because the Spirit of God is the living witness of Jesus Christ, giving life to His tokens, we then are a living witnesses of His grace. This is what Jesus meant when He said that we are to worship Him in Spirit and in truth (Jn.4:24).

This is what it means for Christ to dwell in us richly as Paul wrote, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord (Col.3:16)." The charity you contribute is as the steps of His house. God gives freely of the treasures of His grace that you may be filled. Each spiritual sacrifice you offer is a description of Jesus, which is the face of the Lord.

### The Tools of Christ are Carriers of Grace



There are many who say "I believe in Jesus," but they have not been taught about the Second Covenant or the tools and there is no substance to their faith. When I say that there is no substance to their faith I mean that there is nothing living, the Spirit is not bearing witness to Christ, and so they have nothing to hang onto. When the devil comes

The tools of Christ are the carriers of grace.

to tempt them, and when the problems of life surround them, they are overwhelmed. The tools of the Spirit are the carriers of grace and truth, which is the new law of the Spirit (Jn.1:14-17). The Spirit uses the law of grace and truth to assist us through the transition from the carnal to the spiritual that the new man in Christ may be formed in us daily. A loop is formed when the tools of Christ lead to grace, and grace leads to humility and humility leads to knowing God. Isn't it wonderful to know that when you use the tools of Christ that the grace of God is transferred to you?

Many say that they are a believer in Jesus, but they are merely selecting scripture to believe, such as John 3:3 or Romans 3:23, or Romans 10:10. If you are believing, but there is no pattern (no record) then grace is not present to affirm, to give life to your faith. In the absence of grace aspiration is used to affirm and give life to faith. Many aspire to be better people.

This is Satan's wiles, to redirect faith into the aspiration where we build a kingdom for ourselves rather than the kingdom of God. To believe in Jesus means to consent to building the kingdom of God according to the knowledge and tools Jesus died to provide for our faith to be expressed and reflect Him. His work in you is the fellowship of this building, the fellowship of this knowledge. The anointing will open your understanding that you may be filled with His wisdom and knowledge.

#### What is imprinted upon the soul is played out.



By giving the church the tokens of the Second Covenant, God is teaching us to behold the face of the Lord and to reflect Him in our faith. God is also teaching us that we cannot build a faith apart from Him and that He will only empower faith when it is joined to the spiritual things (tools) of Jesus.

What is imprinted upon the soul is played out.



The record of Jesus Christ can also be understood by thinking about an old 45 record, which plays music as the needle is applied to the groves of the record. What is imprinted upon the record is played out as the needle glides over it.

The needle is only going to pick up what was imprinted on the record. If you are playing a Beetle's record you are not

going to hear music from another group.

Spiritually speaking, the record (Jesus Christ) imprinted upon the soul is played out. Meaning that the soul has been imprinted with the truth of Christ when a person is instructed properly in the doctrine of Christ. Truth, the new foundation of the heart, is written or grooved within our soul. The soul is receiving a new imprint from God—Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ, being the word of God (the record of our faith), carried into this dimension the imprint of our salvation, the knowledge of Himself to set that record within the heart.

When the needle is on the record what is invisible is made known by sound—The needle is the instrument that releases the sound. The needle, spiritually speaking, is the Holy Spirit, drawing from the record of Christ, manifesting God's invisible kingdom. It is the Spirit that takes the record of Christ to give substance to the soul.

### The Witness of the Spirit is Greater Than the Witness of Man

This is why the witness of the Spirit is greater than the witness of man. The witness of the Spirit confirms Christ and gives substance to the soul, while the witness of man confirms the things of man, unable to give the soul what it needs. The soul draws hope upon the witness of the Spirit, but falls into despair upon the witness of man. As we can see what is imprinted upon the soul is played out, whether for good (the record of Christ) or for evil (the record of man).

The needle can also be seen as the "needle of faith", which points to our application with the tokens of Christ. You have to apply your faith with all things God provided in the record of Christ to manifest Christ.

The record is for your faith; the pattern is in the covenant. Every spirit that does not establish the record is not of God as John wrote, "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world" (1 Jn. 4:3).

What the Lord is teaching His church is that you never have to reach outside of Me for the power of faith. Everything you need is in Me.

### **Helping You to Discern**

Everything Jesus taught the church through His apostles was for our discernment, so Satan would not be able to pull the wool over our eyes so to speak, deceiving us by presenting the flesh as the standard for faith. If you do not know the difference between the flesh and the Spirit then you will be prey to Satan and fall by his counsel for he seeks to direct your faith by the flesh.

Remember: The moral code is not for faith, it is God's imprint upon the soul that preaches to us that we were created in His image and likeness. God never intended that you use it for faith, to measure the heart of faith. We cannot serve God by the moral code, for it is the measure of a man. It is a portion of God, not His fulness.

If the flesh directs your faith with the moral code you will stand in condemnation, for God will not receive the witness of the flesh, but if the Spirit directs your faith into the Second Covenant of our Lord, Jesus Christ, then you will receive the witness and sanctification of the Spirit.

As a Christian, it is our desire to have God circumcise the flesh from our faith and to provide the path of the covenant for our feet to abide on the straight and narrow way.

We hope this course has opened the door to understand how Satan cultivates faith by planting the seed of the moral code in hopes of seeing a harvest of souls whose hearts are led away by this counterfeit faith. Now we can understand that when a person tries to beautify the soul with the moral code, they are falling short of the glory of God.

### The 5 Facets of the Flesh

In the beginning of this course we said that the moral code was one of the 5 facets of the flesh. What are the other 4 facets of the flesh? These are the 5 facets of the flesh:

(1) the knowledge of the world, (2) the signature map of the soul, (3) the God-Code, (4) the moral code/center, and (5) the fruits of iniquity, all of which work with (a) human aspiration, (b) human principle, and (c) the imagination to build a testimony to oneself. Together these make up the "Record of the Flesh."

These are the things that are "common to man" (1Cor.10:13). Humans either live by the record of the flesh, or the record of Jesus Christ. Those who live by the record of the flesh (which is the rhythm of nature) live by the appetite of the flesh, which is supported by those powers that act upon the soul.

This is what the apostle John said, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1Jn.2:16). You are now learning to identify the rhythm of nature, which is the record of the flesh and therefore, testifies of the flesh. This is what you overcome daily by faith in Jesus 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!"

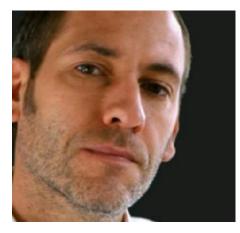
This cry the soul makes for God is desperately repeated thousands of times every day. The Psalmist said, "Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation," Psalm 27:9.



### 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?



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### 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."

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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. <u>The first step is *grace*</u>: 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*
- <u>The second step is faith</u>: 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. <u>The third step is *righteousness*</u>: 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. <u>The fourth step is the seal of the Spirit</u>: 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*

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

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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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 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?

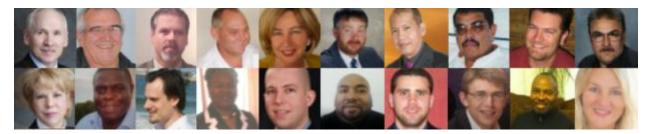
Because God appointed the Second 8<sup>th</sup> Week as a time of restoration, it is also a time of temptation for the church. God is testing hearts and challenging the current Christian culture to change. Whom will you serve? The Jesus of tradition? Or the Jesus of covenant? The Jesus of your imagination?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

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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)* 

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Emile Annandale and Apostle Paul Odendaal Apostles Today Apostolic Ministerial Team

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.

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