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The Seduction of the Moral Code

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Samson and his relationship with Delilah teaches us the seduction of the moral code and how it works against faith. The goal here is to expose the moral code so that it is not mistaken for faith. To expose the moral code we will be observing what it is working with.

For the purposes of this teaching, Samson represents faith because of God's calling upon him. The token of his separation was his hair; for the Lord had said that His strength was with Samson as long as he did not cut his hair. We know that Samson's long hair symbolizes for us the knowledge of God, and as long as the knowledge of God remains we have strength with God.

Delilah represents the moral code

Delilah was in sympathy with Samson, and was a token of his pleasure just as the moral code pretends to be in sympathy with faith to seek out its pleasure. What does that mean? How does the moral code seek for your pleasure? The moral code anticipates faith's pleasure: You want to be holy, you want to be pure and separate from sin, you want to please God, you want to live above reproach. I will grant you that pleasure. The moral code promises to be the token, door, and avenue whereby we please God.

We know from reading the Bible that Delilah agreed with Samson, giving herself to him, and then afflicted him afterwards, intending to hand him over to the Philistines. And this is what the moral code does, it does not side with the Law of Grace and Truth for righteousness, but rather agrees with the Law of Moses that it is good and just, and worthy: If you do this that is written in the law then you will please God. If you join yourself to the law you will increase.

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But then the moral code afflicts the soul for having transgressed the law, and hands us over to the conscience to be tormented. Do you see the inclination to trust the moral code even though it continues to lead you to a place of torment?

The moral code is ready to assist one's passions. As Samson had a desire for Delilah, the soul has a desire to weigh good against evil, to stand in the side of right, to see that justice is met, to find a way to prove that one's heart is right before God, to prove that he can be trusted, that he is not deluded, that he cannot compromise, that he will not live with impurity, that he is, above all, honest.

The soul is geared to work out those things by the moral code. The passion of the soul is for this knowledge, to bring to completion God's design for the moral code. There is a tremendous pressing desire that we form a bond with God by the moral code, and life is used to test the moral code whether or not it is of gold or stubble. Life's situations are used to test the strength of the marriage between the moral code and God.

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The moral code is like a quilt that is sown of the many scraps of life. Every circumstance and situation is represented in the quilt of life, through the perception of the moral code. So then, when things transpire in life or new situations come up, ones fingers trace the familiar images of the quilt to see where the patterns are that can be trusted.

When a person sees a flaw in their choices, in their thinking, in the way they have processed a situation, they adjust their views, they begin to think differently, they try to change their orientation toward a new mindset. These new mindsets are learned after a number of mistakes are made. And this also is sown into the quilt of life. Do you see the inclination of the moral code to assess everything by the design of your past?

It is after a relationship breaks down, after a meltdown, after spoiled dreams, that we stop and consider our ways. You can see why the moral code has both a good reputation and bad reputation. The good reputation is that a person is capable of seeing where they are missing it and turn around.

When the Moral Code Works With a Religious Mind

When the moral code works with a religious mind it promises that the necessary changes will make you more like Jesus Christ, will improve your marriage, make you a better friend, a better listener, etc. Do you see the inclination to trust the things that promise the pleasure of change?

God joins knowledge to faith to see the face of the Lord, but the moral code joins knowledge to itself to see a reflection of right moral choices. The moral code only works for the pleasure of its own equity, not for the will of God.

The account of Samson and Delilah is quite detailed. Delilah's only interest in Samson is to learn the secret of his super human power. Night after night she asks him to reveal his secret and night after night he avoids her deception. But remember how desperate

Delilah became when Samson refused to reveal the secret of his power to her? She said, "How can you say you love me when you don't reveal your secrets to me."

Delilah was relentless in her pursuit of Samson's secret. Her loyalties were with her people and so she betrayed Samson without hesitation. And so we see again a parallel to the moral code, how having been conditioned and sensitized by Satan, it only seeks for inner peace and equity; it is not seeking the will of God.

Who is the Moral Code Married To?

You must know that the moral code is not married to God, it is married to the Law of Moses. You have to know that and accept that to be true. For a long time you thought the moral code was married to God and you were working to preserve that marriage while God was working to break the marriage between the moral code and the law to release you from the penalty of sin (which the law confirmed in you) and remarry you to Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 54:5 reads, "For your Maker is your husband." The symbolism here that God is using is that of joining for increase. We are to be joined unto the Spirit to increase the kingdom of God. The Spirit of the Lord moves upon the soul to bring forth the fruits of His kingdom.

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Throughout the Bible God symbolizes Himself as the husband or the bridegroom and we, the believer, as the wife or the bride. We are to understand God's design for increase, that by joining ourselves to Him we will increase His house.

Even John the Baptist uses it when he said, "He that has the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which stands and hears Him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice."

It is interesting that God is giving this analogy again concerning the mating and how John is using this analogy to show that. We can see God preach to us through the animal kingdom as it goes through its seasons of mating. The Spirit of the Lord moves upon them for the fulfillment of the design and for the preservation of the species. This is what God does with Himself.

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the bridegroom (which is John) stands and hears Him (the bridegroom) rejoices greatly (because the time of the uniting is here) because of the bridegrooms voice."The voice of the Lord was then moving upon the people to reciprocate the dawning of that new day, the First 8th Week because of the bridegrooms voice.

The Spirit of the Lord uses knowledge to move Adamites to reciprocate even as the Spirit of the Lord moves upon the instinct of nature of the beast. When the Spirit of the Lord moves upon the instinct of the beast, which is his design, that's when they begin to seek—they begin to see a mate for the purpose of preservation.

Other than that they show no interest, and that's the same thing with the sinners, the sinners show no interest of reciprocation until the grace of God is present to say, "You must seek Me." God says, "It's time for you to join to Me for increase."

And that's the presence of grace—that's the season of marriage. And that's why every Adamite that is born is prepared for this union, prepared spiritually with the seed of the inheritance, which becomes awakened by the Spirit or by the voice of the Lord; and that is sealed within the conscience.

So when this is awakened man begins to seek unto God for this purpose: Why am I here! That is the first question that dawns on them, "Why am I here?" Aw! There is an awakening of seeking now. So with that awakening of seeking man begins to seek His purpose and presence: "Why was I created? Why am I here?" Man knows he was not created for physical things because we were created by God for God.

The voice of the Lord for increase is His grace, it is not the moral code. God is changing your orientation from sin to righteousness, from death to life, from darkness to light, from bondage to liberty, from working with the moral code to increase self to working with faith to increase God's kingdom.

God is changing your orientation from learning by the knowledge of this world and the suffering of this world to learning by the new knowledge of the covenant and the work of the Spirit in regeneration.

Don't Be Fooled By Satan's Counterfeit

Don't be fooled by Satan's counterfeit. You know what I mean: Satan presents another Jesus saying, "you cannot continue to serve the Lord without a deep work of the Holy Spirit in your life, without coming to a place of brokenness before God, and making sure that your attitudes and heart are pure before God."

Now I hear you saying, how can that be Satan encouraging that, because that's in the Bible, and that is God's will for us to be humble before Him, to be broken before Him and allow Him to do the deep work in our hearts that needs to be done. Only then will we be able to lift up our heads before God and walk worthy before Him.

I hear you say that you have seen the results in your church when the pastor preaches messages like this, you see people walking in a new openness and honesty among themselves. They start giving instead of hoarding, they start forgiving each other. Yes, I know that.

What I want to do now is turn your attention to what the moral code is married to. What is producing the conviction, what are the choices being measured to, what is sustaining the change?

The Moral Code Carries the Conviction of Sin

The moral code, being married to the law carries the conviction of sin in the conscience. This was God's purpose for the law, to convict you and me as a sinner, that the whole world may become guilty before God. The law did its job and used the moral code in man as a measure of the flesh: You see, your heart is not right before God because I see you behaving badly. You are unforgiving, bitter, and judgmental.

God does not want you behaving like that. The only way to keep you pure is to convict you of wrong doing so that you can again repent of wrong doing and this is how you will keep your heart broken and pure before God.

Can you see how the Law of Moses is used as a tool to measure what the flesh is doing, whether it is right or wrong? The moral code receives strength from the Law of Moses when it is married to it. It is the crutch the moral code needs to stand on the side of right.

But the Law of Moses was not given to prove our righteousness. It was given to prove that there is a conflict between God and man. The law proves this conflict exists every time you feel convicted of wrong doing.

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Do you see how the law is not your friend? It is not there to serve you, it is there to convict you, and acts as a slave driver, to drive you into hard labor with the moral code to change your behavior. What the moral code does is take the role of receiving this law (as a wife) to increase the house of Moses with the fruits of this contact. Every time the law has contact with you (moral code) you are busy producing the righteousness of the law (the fruits of change).

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I see you now rubbing your head thinking, “But I thought God wanted us to change. I thought God wanted us to be holy as He is holy, I thought God wanted to convict us so that we can remain broken before Him.”

One thing must become clear to you in this study, and that is that God wants to take ownership of the fruit of change (regeneration) in you and He wants to do it by marrying you to Jesus Christ. There is a whole new system, new knowledge, new priesthood, and new spiritual tools involved here.

One might argue that the preaching of the Cross is the power of God to us to repentance. Yes, if you are a sinner. But if you are a Christian, the preaching of the Cross is the power of God to form the life of Christ in the soul apart from the Law of Moses, by a new Law of Grace and Truth.

If you are a Christian the Holy Spirit is no longer convicting you of the sin of not believing on Jesus. His role now is to CONFIRM Jesus Christ. That is a whole new work of the Cross that God wants you to enter into.

To regress a little, the often repentance that we see in the church is not a product of the Law of Grace and Truth, but a product of the Law of Moses. Your faith reflects the one you are joined to. The Law of Moses is capable of challenging the moral code to new choices of faith. That is not under investigation. What is under investigation is the author of your fruit. Is it Jesus Christ or is it Moses?

The Inclination of the Moral Code

The inclination of the moral code is to try to make that which is crooked, straight. Whether it is something someone said, or did, a situation that is pressing, a need that is wanting, these are all things that offer opportunities to be straightened out, so they are crooked. They are not aligned with our desires or needs. So they are present themselves to the moral code as being crooked.

Ecc.1:15, “That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.” Here Solomon speaks about the vexation of life. There is no end to crooked things that appear to need our help to straighten them out.

Here again, we are not talking about neglecting our earthly responsibilities, we are talking about Satan’s goal is to focus our attention of the things that are crooked so we will spend our time trying to make them straight.

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This temptation is a wile of Satan that takes place in the mind,

- how we first view an offense as a contradiction to our person, a misrepresentation of who we are, a barrier to the God-Code,
- how we struggle because of the presence of death to define ourselves in a way of excellence in the absence of God's light,
- how we emphasize the tokens of strength that appear to prove one's value.

The promise: Isaiah 45:2, "I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron."

The Fulfillment: Luke 3:5, "Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth."

The problem: The problem is that even though the moral code volunteers itself to make that which is crooked straight, it does not have the power to do it, and only gives fuel to the mind to tether itself to death, and clutters the conscience with thoughts, ideas, impressions, and judgments.

A person fights against things that are oppressive and offends: You have nothing to offer me so I do not regard you. Every thought is a brick that is placed in the door of the conscience, obstructing the door that the light of God does not shine forth.

Luke 18:27, "That which is impossible with men is possible with God."

Again, it is not possible for the moral code to make straight the things that are crooked. This would require our involvement to calibrate everything to our desire and to insist that we have the capability to interpret with accuracy what is going on around us. The moral code stands on the side of your own logic, it is critical, and exaggerates offenses to the point to being ridiculous.

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The Language of the Moral Code

The language of the moral code is the tongue the soul learns since birth. It is the native tongue of the soul that communicates the soul's wisdom, learning, and education. The language of the moral code is the tongue of the soul to communicate the drive of the soul for soundness, equity, goodness, and morality.

The moral code can identify the abuses of the world. Sure, you can identify the abuses of the world. For example, we might say, "That man over there is kicking that dog, and that is wrong. It is wrong to abuse the dog in this way. It is wrong to commit such an act of cruelty."

Just because we live by faith and not the moral code, does not mean that we cannot identify when acts of injustice take place around us. But what is the purpose of identifying the act or bringing attention to it?

- Is it for the purpose of establishing your own worth before others? I am not as that man. He is cruel and uncaring. I think it is horrible. I saw lots of things like that and I always thought it was horrible. I never learned to be mean. I am different. This kind of comparison is the moral code establishing itself as your righteousness. The inclination to make straight that which is crooked.
- Is it for the purpose of establishing the state of the world, lost in sin and under the burden of oppression, which is acted out against those who are defenseless? Remember that the state of the soul reflects man's separation from God and need of the covenant of Jesus Christ. The moral code has the habit of taking injustices and injuries, and abuses and remaking them into a humanitarian message about cruelty to animals, cruelty to children, cruelty to the environment, whereas God turns our attention to the terms and conditions of the covenant.

The moral code, to stand in your own person. And that is why the moral code likes to surround itself with the tokens of praise, and likes to remove from its presence the things that offend. Some people receive a lot of pleasure by pointing out all the injustices of the world. It is a form of reciprocation that they learned early in life from the knowledge they gained through experience.

The language of the moral code is for the purpose of our reciprocation. It is man's default it to accept the witness of the moral code because it is using the tokens of this world. Being in covenant, a person learns a new language, the language of truth, the language of faith whereby we learn a new reciprocation by the Spirit that our joy may be full. The reciprocation of the moral code does not bring joy to the soul, it brings death. But the reciprocation of truth does bring joy to the soul for it brings life.

There are certain imbedded perceptions of the soul that accompany you ever since you were born. Remember, God is not circumcising the powers that are functional for you. If God were to circumcise the functional spirits that keep your heart and appetites going, you would die. The circumcision has to do with removing the prejudices you gained since you were born.

That's God's perspective. I am addressing the state of your conscience, not your frailty. I am inscribing in you the experiences of My kingdom, the word of God and the powers of the world to come. This begins from the inner sanctuary to the outer.

The knowledge of God exposes the condition of the soul, how it nursed the moral code. Truth exposes to say that everything you built was on sand and it is time to build upon the Rock, Jesus Christ.

The Moral Code Was That Law that Dictated Your Behavior

The moral code was that law that dictated your behavior. Faith is now dictating your behavior. Remember, the knowledge of the moral code is not for you to rule over your brother, saying, "That is just your moral code speaking and I don't have to listen to you." This temperament shows the absence of grace, not the presence of it. People like to use knowledge as a whip to bring others into submission to them, but the Holy Ghost is meek and mild and will not abide with that temperament. Our transformation takes place through humbleness of mind.

The knowledge of the moral code is given for you to learn that your righteousness is less than God. We see how God illustrated this in the woman taken in adultery, how the scribes and Pharisees brought her to Jesus (the Law of Grace and Truth) for condemnation and judgment.

John 8:3-11

3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst,

4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?

6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.

7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground.

9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

The religious leaders brought to Jesus something that the moral code said was crooked, and they wanted Him to confirm that it is crooked. Let's go back to Jesus' reaction to the accusations placed before Him. Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground, thus ignoring the accusations of the moral code, which the religious leaders thought would stand for them.

What do we learn: In the presence of God, the moral code is put to shame. We observe how each religious leader, as they examine themselves in the light of their own conscience, left the circle of accusation, for the moral code cannot stand in the place of Jesus Christ for it is inferior to Him.

The moral code projects, faith always reflects. With the projections comes a boast, but there is no life in the boast. (the conscience cannot carry that witness, even as the religious leaders could not stand once their boast was made).

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The moral code needs external evidence of its own merit. Faith needs no external evidence, because Christ is the witness of Himself. The record of our priesthood is in Him. He is our temple, He is our light, he is our pattern.

Finally, we learn that Our faith paralyzes the moral code and the moral code can paralyze faith.

Always remember: The moral code is the measure of man because God placed this as in imprint upon the soul to preach to man God's presence, but did not empower the moral code as a measure for righteousness. Jesus Christ is the only standard we are to measure our behavior to. Faith meets God's standard. Righteousness is the measure of God.

Jesus says to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Has no man remained as a witness against you?" And she replies, "No man Lord." Meaning that the witness of the moral code, being the witness of man, is put to silence in the presence of God. The witness of God (Jesus) remained to speak to the woman, "Go and sin no more." Meaning, "Build now with the incorruptible things of My kingdom. As long as you stand with Me, I am your justification." This is carried forth in the covenant. As long as Christ represents you, that is where your strength lies.

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We saw that once the moral code has established a testimony and given a witness, it expects conformity, it awaits your reciprocation. This is what the scribes and Pharisees were expecting Jesus to do: "You must reciprocate this testimony and witness I have given." But faith removes you from that responsibility and wile of Satan by establishing the record in Jesus as the Divine One, the Son of God.

There are many daily opportunities that the moral code presents to you as opportunities to build. When you become more aware of how those opportunities are packaged and presented to you then it becomes easier to decline the offer to build with the moral code, and choose instead to build with faith.

The Voice of the Moral Code

We talked about the language of the moral code, how it is the native tongue of the soul. The *voice of the moral code* can be identified by these 3 friends:

DOUBT: Doubt always asks “why”. Why is it like this and not like that? Why can’t I believe my own way? Why is my goodness nor sufficient? Why are the tools necessary for faith? Why do I have to learn a new language?

DOUBLE MINDEDNESS: Double mindedness always asks, “What about this and what about that?” What if God fails me? What if I am too weak in my faith to make it? What if Satan is too strong for me? What if I am being deceived? What if God doesn’t care what I believe?

SEDITION: Sediton follows behind doubt and double mindedness and says, “I refuse!” I refuse to accept a gospel that demands so much from me. I refuse to believe in a God that put goodness in me and then does not accept it as a gift. I refuse to believe in God. I cannot accept this yoke, it is too hard for me.

We can see the thought patterns of the moral code by observing the scenario of the religious leaders bringing to Jesus the woman caught in adultery, and by observing these 3 companions. They are of the world, they speak by the moral code to exaggerate, to diminish, and to mock. The world confirms the struggle of the moral code, the righteous confirm Jesus Christ. The gospel of the moral code is sweeter to the world than the gospel of truth. They delight in that which confirms their imagination. But it undermines the godhead and works madness in the end.

These companions of the flesh, Doubt, Double Mindedness, and Sediton will always keep you company when you are not building the kingdom of God. They are sent from Satan to destroy your faith, keeping it busy trying to answer the questions of the moral code. It is when you break the tether to the moral code that you remove the voice.

Faith accepts the presence, tokens, and record of Christ to stand for you. Flesh ceases when God is present.

Who are You Married to Moses or Jesus Christ?

That's what Paul is bringing out there in chapter 7 of Romans about the woman who has a husband – the analogy that Paul is presenting to us is the bonding of this power, either of the Law of Moses or the Law of Grace and Truth.

Romans chapter 7

1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

God designed the law as the governor of the moral code until Christ should come and give us a new law in Himself. 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. 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.

The marriage between the moral code and the Law of Moses preaches to us the conflict that exists between God and man.

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

The woman is a type of your soul and your faith. The husband represents that system. The first husband is the Law of Moses to which God bound mankind to show us that the flesh has no power to please Him. Every effort of the flesh is met with more conviction of sin.

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LECTURE NOTES ON The Seduction of the Moral Code

Can you now see the Perverted Gospel, how Satan bound mankind to the Law of Moses after Christ came? The preaching of the Gospel is still focused on sin. It's sad to see ministers believe that the way to a pure heart is by the conviction of sin.

Still not convinced? Does this sound familiar to you: I was in a place where I only thought about myself and did not take into consideration my relationship to others until the Gospel of the Cross came into our midst and then we began to see that we have to deny ourselves, renounce our rights, and take up the cross to follow Jesus.

My friend, that is not Jesus you are following, that is Moses. How can I prove that to you? You are renouncing the very thing you continue to embrace. To deny yourself has to do with

- the denial of the voice of the moral code. You are refusing that to be the measure of your righteousness. You are renouncing your rights to the moral code to stand for you, and accept only Jesus to stand for you.
- The denial of the voice of the God-Code. You are refusing to join the God-Code to the flesh to build a kingdom for yourself. Instead you suffering the loss of that increase and choose to join the God-Code to faith for the increase of the kingdom of God. You are renouncing your rights to the God-Code and giving ownership of it back to God who is the maker of it.
- The denial of the voice of your signature. You are refusing to identify your unique skills and talents as worthy of God, refusing to use these tools to build your soul, but choosing instead to use the spiritual tools of Jesus Christ to build with. You are renouncing your rights to your signature and giving ownership of it back to God who is the maker of it.

A Christian has not died to themselves by keeping the bond of the moral code to the Law of Moses. The power there in Moses will deny Christ. These are two difference houses. And so the one must die to free you to marry the other.

3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulterous: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

LECTURE NOTES ON *The Seduction of the Moral Code*

God uses the word “adultery” to give us a clear picture of His feelings. He is saying, “If you claim to be a Christian and remain married to the Law of Moses, I consider that a transgression against Me; for the moral code is finding pleasure with Moses for completion rather than you joining your faith to Jesus Christ for your completion.”

Consider too how Satan works with sin, and how the Law of Moses was designed to show you where sin lies, and to prove to you that you have no power over it. If you are bonding yourself to another (Moses) other than your husband (Jesus Christ) that shows you are operating in Satan’s kingdom with his knowledge. The husband now represents that system that works death in you. It is Satan that works to keep Christians bonding with the wrong law and the wrong system.

If you are bonding to Satan’s kingdom you are considered an adulteress. You are not allowed to bond with Satan when God purchased you to Himself.

4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.

*You must accept the fact that to be in Christ you
must be dead to the law.*

God is now bringing the church back to this original and pure preaching of the Cross of Christ and the original, pure message of our salvation. This is the true hope of the church, to know that we are now free from that system to build with God. I am no longer an adulteress and am free to build with Christ.

You must accept the fact that to be in Christ you must be dead to the law. You must understand what God designed the law to do—to convict you of sin. You cannot build with condemnation you can only build with justification. This is why, as a Christian, it is so important that you learn about the 12 elements of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Learn how they work, how the Spirit uses each to form Christ in you. You will never look to the Law of Moses again for your justification. To serve Christ, you must be free from the law.

When we were under the law we brought forth fruit to dead, the product of that joining to Satan's kingdom, the fruit bears bitterness.

When you are joined to Christ then you bear fruit to God. The resurrection means that your fruit is living; for you cannot bear for a dead token, but for a living token.

Let's get our Bearing

Let's stop for a minute to get our bearing and see where all of this is going. It is Satan that hides behind the moral code of man hoping to pass it off to you as true and genuine faith. Satan is hoping that your zeal will blind you to the truth. Let's consider what Paul said in Romans 10:1-4:

2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.

3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

The first thing we see is that we need accurate knowledge for faith. You can have a lot of zeal for God and have a hunger for doing the right thing, and Satan can say all the right things you about returning to a pure message of Christ and being broken before God, but if you not have the knowledge and tools of Jesus Christ then you are still married to Moses and God did not design that law for your righteousness.

We cannot compromise! Let us consider God's rebuke to the children of Israel when they assumed to go to battle in their own mind. In Numbers chapter 14 we see God presenting to them with His plan for them to enter into the Promised Land. However, upon seeing the many contradictions they faced they rebelled against the Lord. They had in their mind that God was going to move one way (totally remove all contradiction), but God moved in a way they did not expect.

To make a long story short, the children of Israel out rightly refused God's plan because it did not gel with their preconceived ideas. Joshua pleaded with them, "Rebel not against the Lord. . . But all the congregation bade stone them with stones."

What we are seeing there is the hostility of the moral code. Deprived of its aspiration, it is ready to avenge without mercy. The Lord, decisive in His judgments, speaks, "I will

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disinherit them, and will make of you (Moses) a greater nation and mightier than they.” Upon hearing of God’s outrage against their rebellion (yes it is rebellion to stand against God’s plan) the children of Israel rethink their strategy and consider their loss, and offer to God a pseudo obedience: “Alright! You want us to go and take the land—we’ll go!” But now it is not out of obedience, it is out of presumption. I’d don’t want you thinking herein vague terms about their “heart not being right with God” because of the religious conditioning you have had with the moral code joined to the Law of Moses.

What will be helpful to you is to make the connection between the compromise of the children of Israel and God’s breach of promise. The children of Israel were ready to just “go” if that is what God wanted. They were compromising by now joining their faith to Him. They just saw what God wanted and decided that they were going to go for it.

Isn’t that what the church is doing today? Their faith is not joined to God through the covenant of Jesus Christ; they know nothing of the terms of the covenant, have no knowledge to work with, and no priesthood for reciprocation.

They hear God saying that the fruit of the Spirit is important to Him, that He desires change in the inner man, but they don’t want to do it God’s way by the tokens of Jesus Christ, they are going to just go for it with the Law of Moses: “If God wants fruit then all

I have to do is find out what the Bible says here and there about my behavior and apply it to my life. But God calls that compromise with the Law of Moses, rebellion.

Moses, as God’s chosen steward, saw it for what it was and said, “Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the Lord? but it shall not prosper” (Num.14:40-41). The children of Israel, however, proceeded to try to force the hand of God. They wanted to engage God on their own terms and went in the power of their imagination, trusting in God’ word that they could take the land (but not trusting the covenant).

From these scriptures we also learn that the stewardship of God’s government did not go with them in the rebellion and neither did God. The ark of the covenant of the Lord and Moses, His steward, departed not out of the camp and the children of Israel were smitten before their enemies.

Have you compromised with the Law of Moses? Are you continually smitten by the Law of Moses? Isn’t it time for you to accept the covenant of Jesus Christ?

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The moral code whispers in your ear all the things you like to hear: “I know you want to be holy as God is holy, I know you long for purity, I know you need to return to a place of innocence before God. Let me take you there. I know that you are upset with the way you act out, and that some of your choices are not the best, but I can show you how to connect with a perfect law and you will see that you have power over the flesh.”

“All you have to do is bend your will to the Law of Moses, allow it to smite your conscience, let it be your eyes, bend your will low before it, and surely God will see your humble state and accept your gift. Everyone in the congregation will see that you are a changed person and God will be glorified.”

This is not God’s mind, it is the mind of the moral code. If you stand it its prejudice then you will serve the one she is bonding you to. She has created a bond for you with the Law of Moses who is not your husband.

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How do I know this is happening? Think about the moral choices that you make, and how you make them: “This is what the Bible says (moral reform) and this is what you should do. This is what you are being convicted of, and this is what God is changing.” Sadly, for many, their entire Christian life is lived from this heart of the moral code joined to the Law of Moses and they miss Jesus entirely. They call the moral code Jesus, but that is the false Jesus.

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The Moral Code Pretends to Be Jesus

The moral code, pretending to be Jesus, is standing in the place of Jesus Christ—as your righteousness, and that is a problem. As you learned in the e-book *The Moral Code of Man*, the moral code is one of the 5 facets of *The Flesh*. God identifies it as the measure of a man because it preaches to us that we were created in the image and likeness of God (the moral code is the imprint of God upon the soul, which speaks of our capabilities for all God’s characteristics: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, etc.).

Although the moral code has a place in God’s design of the soul, it is not the measure of Jesus Christ, and cannot be used to stand for Him. If we allow the moral code to stand in the place of the righteousness of Jesus Christ then it stands for you before the throne of God in place of Jesus Christ. We are not justified by the moral code, but by the blood of Jesus Christ.

When I stand in God’s mind I am free, but if we use the moral code to address our life situations then I am weak as another man.

Jesus purchased a covenant for our return to God and our sanctification by contact with Him. To return the church to the pure Gospel we need to return the church to the proper teaching of the covenant of Jesus Christ.

You will learn about Jesus’ Law of Grace and Truth, how it is written upon your heart, and the connection between that law, your priesthood, your choices of faith, and the work of the Spirit to conform you to the nature of Christ.

When in covenant with God you learn the differences between the moral code and the righteousness of Christ, and understand why the moral code is called *The Flesh*, and why it seeks to define your faith for you.

When I stand in God’s mind I am free, but if we use the moral code to address our life situations then I am weak as another man. This is what we see in Samson, how his strength was in his hair. That was his secret. But when his hair was cut he became weak as any other man.

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God thus preaching to us that when we stand in the mind of God we are strong, but when we bend to the moral code, she cuts our hair, to remove the true knowledge of God. Now we stand as other men, vulnerable to Satan and without God's sanctification. You do not want to be in that place.

Our instincts with our first marriage to the Law of Moses is very strong and difficult to overcome. This is why Pattern Recognition Training is so vital for the church today.

The Holy Ghost says, "Not by works of righteousness (the works of the moral code) 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).

It is clear that faith is the pattern of the Spirit, not the pattern of the moral code. We are saved by this continued washing and purging of the Holy Spirit who changes us by the Divine pattern of light, which is the knowledge of Jesus Christ, which true and living apostles preach to the church.

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Ministers have forgotten that the most important part of their ministry is Jesus so they preach themselves. They do not put down the offering of the moral code, which is an offense to God, they run to the altar of repentance thinking that God will accept their tears and remorse in place of faith, but sadly, He will not.

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Trying to pass off the moral code as Jesus Christ is a serious offense, one that God will not take lightly. Are their works accepted of God? Sadly not! Are they saved? Sadly not! They are still married to Moses and not to Jesus Christ.

More About the Failed Marriage Between the Moral Code and the Law

Paul preached that when he was in the flesh “the motions of sins (the God-Code with the moral code, signature of the soul, false knowledge of the world, and fruits of iniquity), which were by the law (the law dictated to the moral code), did work in our members (we labored with the law to find our equity and peace) to bring forth fruit unto death (the person that labors with the law for equity condemns himself that he is not in Christ)” (Rom.7:5).

When we stand in the mind of God we have confidence of faith, but when we stand in the mind of the moral code then we are weak as another man (those of the world).

The living token (Jesus Christ) is fruit unto life.

The dead token (Moses) is fruit unto death.

Now we are delivered from the law by the body of Christ that we may serve in the newness of the spirit, not the oldness of the letter.

I think a great deal of the problem is that a person does not know the purpose of the law. Let's look again at the purpose of the law:

THE LAW – dictates to the passion of man, telling us what our restrictions are, but does not give life.

Paul says it here when he says, “Was then that which is good (the law) made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful” (Rom.7:13).

I did not realize that force (the law was protesting that action) was there until the law showed it to me. The law, like a negative role model, brings to our attention this contrast, thou shalt not covet.

Sin, being the force of that system made its presence known, but the state of the conscience was still defiled. We constantly sought equity for our conscience by the law because the conscience bore testimony about the condition of the soul. People used the law: “Ok if you demand this of me, then I will change this, because my conscience says I am weak. So I will do everything the law says and then I will be strong.” But it doesn’t work out that way. You never becomes stronger, you just are convicted of sin again, going right back under Delilah’s spell.

Paul further taught, “The commandment, which was ordained to life (was supposed to show you your condition that we would turn to God that we would put our trust in Him, I found to be unto death (did not hold the power for change, but only conviction of sin)” (Rom.7:10).

God would say: “I gave you the law to show you your condition, to show you a conflict exists, but I will not allow you to rest because the conscience I put there will not allow you to rest – if it were not for the law you would not know this conflict existed. But now

you turn to me for your true hope and that is the purpose of the law.” The law is good, if it fulfills God’s purpose (Rom.7:12).

God has to give the contrast so we can make a choice. But the contrast is holy, the contrast itself is not bad, it is what man does with it.

By the Law of Moses God exposes Satan’s kingdom of sin and how the law works with the moral code to feign righteousness. We can then see our true state that we are corrupt and in need of God’s fruit. We would not have known that unless we had seen the conflict.

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The Conflict of the Moral Code: “For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do”(Rom.7:19). The moral code keeps looping us to our own paradoxes. “If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good” (Rom.7:16). Goodness has to do with using the law to bring equity. If it seems to work for me, it seems good. Not knowing the difference between goodness and righteousness it is understandable that confusion exists.

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Satan rules the soul through paradoxes; And as long as Satan is ruling the soul through paradoxes, it is unprofitable to God, being double minded and doubtful because the moral code itself us is a contradiction of faith. It wants to stand for itself, and this is PRIDE. God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble.

You can't find equity with the moral code, but does not stop a person from trying. As application is made with the moral code the God-Code is progressing in you with something. As long as you are pursuing a goal you feel like there is a purpose to life, to resolve this conflict.

Your whole life you are going through the same cycle with the paradoxes of the moral code, trying to prove your love for God, trying to resolve the issues of life. Every time you think you have improved, it loops you back to Delilah (the moral code) where you are trying to find equity with the things that please you (moral code) instead of equity by Christ (Covenant).

When you think you have the moral code aligned with the Law and your behavior is falling into place there is a moment of clarity where the God-Code (The Flesh) shouts, "I have just resolved the problem!" But God says, "Stand in my light."

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When the moral code again comes into conflict with the law, the conscience is again unsettled, "Yah, but I thought you were not going to think about that anymore. I thought you were pure before Christ. I thought you were going to follow new habits of life."

Satan tries to drown the voice of the conscience by making promise of resolve: "I'll give you this – I'll give you that – if you follow my counsel." The conscience is not so easily tricked and squirms a little, "There seems to be a discrepancy here – but I can't put my finger on it."

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Satan has to package his lies to make it sound like the voice of God – this is what God really wants you to have, this is what God really wants you to do—be a good person, love your neighbor—show Him you are changed! Satan will stand in agreement with the conscience to direct it again into one’s passion.

Satan redirects the moral code to keep you unprofitable to God. And gives you new tokens once one wears out: “So you don’t want to tithe anymore, that’s ok, maybe you want to still take communion, or honor the Lord by keeping the Sabbath Day, or go to the church picnics to find where you fit in the social community of the church. There is much you can do there.” He will repackage each offer in a different way to make it achievable to the logic. But this is a compromise of truth. Never compromise!

All Satan wants you to do is exercise your will with corruptible things. Then he stands back and says, “You are in a state of confusion now aren’t you?”

And so Paul agrees, “In my flesh there is no good thing” (Rom.7:15). Meaning, “In the law there is no power to fix the paradox.” The strength you find is to fix the paradox, but not the strength of faith.

I delight in the law – because I see it can be used to rule over sin, but you are not ruling over the law, the law if ruling over you bringing you into captivity to the law, by the law of my mind. Who shall deliver me from the body of this death. I thank God that this contrast was presented for my discernment. God gave us the negative role model to give us the value for faith. The law is a negative role model, just like Delilah, she afflicted Samson at the same time she pleased him. She pleased Samson by that which is in sympathy with himself, but afflicted Samson by that which was for his strength, which represented Christ.

The Jesus of the Moral Code

Many preach a gospel that reflects the Jesus of the moral code, not the Jesus of the covenant. The Jesus of the moral code is a psychology of Jesus Christ, it is not Jesus in truth.

It is this voice of the moral code that people hear when ministers shout from the pulpit, “Do you want to be like Jesus?!” “You have to be like Jesus!” The voice of the moral code, which is the passion of man is always louder than grace, and that is what people hear.

The Lord is the still small voice. He does not speak by the loud voice of Satan's clamoring. Satan talks a lot and says little; and that is what the church is listening to. They cannot distinguish the sound and this is why they are not preparing themselves to serve God. They are listening to the loud sounding of an out of tune orchestra of the passion. Their zeal for God is being misdirected by Satan who is exhausting them through the imagination. They are so tired of hearing the voice of the moral code that they are too tired to hear the voice of God.

99% of the time man reverts to his passion for making decisions. Faith on the other hand, works with new knowledge whereby man is able to reason with God. The old knowledge is ingrained in the moral code which is joined to the kingdom of darkness.

The Covenant Frees Your Faith

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.

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.

What Happens When we do not Understand God's Covenant Requirements?

This is what the prophet Ezekiel declared: "For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord God, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, SERVE me: there will I ACCEPT them, and there will I REQUIRE your offerings, and the first fruits of your oblations, with all your holy things" (Ezek. 20:40).

The truth is, God accepts faith only on the basis of the terms He set for it to be expressed. The children of Israel could not decide for themselves how they would

approach God, but needed to come to God on His terms. If the children of Israel did not understand God's covenant requirements

- they would not know what God has bound Himself to, and therefore
- not be able to value the things God had separated for their faith,
- they would not have been able to participate,
- they would not know how to serve God acceptably,
- they would have poured their energy into other forms of worship, and
- God would not accept them (their faith).

This is the bottom line:

If the children of Israel did not know the terms God had restricted Himself to they would not know how to keep their faith within those restrictions. God requires that we minister to Him and serve Him by the terms He establishes for our contact with Him. Our participation is necessary for His engagement and blessing.

- To keep covenant with God means that we
- agree to God's terms and
- agree to participate.

If that is true for the children of Israel under the First Covenant then it is true for Christians today under the Second Covenant. Many Christians today fail to understand God's Second Covenant requirements and wonder why their attempts to please God on their own do not yield the blessings they had expected.

1 Samuel 2:3, "For the Lord is a God of knowledge."

Keep this rule of thumb in mind:

1. Knowledge without faith is hypocrisy.
2. Knowledge outside the covenant is fruitless.
3. Knowledge inside the covenant works with faith to produce a garden for the Lord's habitation and yields the fruit of His work in the soul.

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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



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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.

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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

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

God is calling to you to believe the testimony of Jesus Christ, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior. He is the one who was prophesied to make reconciliation for the sins of the world, to blot out your transgressions, and to join you back to God through Himself. Jesus shed His blood to provide the terms or grounds of the Second Covenant to sanctify your faith, that your faith may be pleasing to God.

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

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

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

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

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PRAYER

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

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



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

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

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

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Holy Spirit, and you will begin to speak in tongues that you may begin a relationship with Him.

God's 4-Step Program

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

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



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

Which Way Now?

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

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

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

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

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

3. You are now a child of God. When God places His Spirit into you, He is adopting you into His family. Romans 8:15: "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

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Galatians 4:5: “To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.”

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

4. God gives you an eternal inheritance. When God places His Spirit into you, it is an eternal bond. Your faith has eternal rewards. Ephesians 1:13,14: “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.” We can understand that what you learn now is about how to keep your eyes on the hope that God placed before you.

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

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

About Second 8th Week Ministries

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

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Vision for Revival

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

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

Many Christian leaders recognize this shaking, and they are saying, "I find in myself this desperation, this sense that something is not right, but I don't know what it is. . .this dissatisfaction with my current spiritual status. There is this vague indefinable something that has lost the clarity, the crispness of oneness with Jesus." ~Barbara J. Yoder

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Vision

by Peter Bolduc

Second 8th Week Ministries

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

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

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

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

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

What is the Second 8th Week?



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

<http://www.s8wministries.org>

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

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

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

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

The Founders of Second 8th Week Ministries

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

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

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



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

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

Bridge of Hope

Together, the Apostolic Stewardship of the Second 8th Week is God's bridge of hope. There is a lot of hurt in the world today because of those who said they are of God, but spoiled the faith of the people. God declares, "Many pastors have destroyed My

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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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Free Online Courses



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

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

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

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

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