

# THE RECONCILER

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## THE AMAZING REALITY OF THE NEW COVENANT

As believers become familiar with the scriptures, its message can lose its impact on their lives. We can easily fail to allow its astonishing truths to confront us and have their ongoing transformative effect on our lives.

We can become so accustomed to phrases such as "New Covenant", "New Creation", "Born Again" that we forget the full impact these words can have on our lives.

As the Passover and Resurrection season approach we decided it might be helpful to take a fresh look at the "New Covenant" and what we call "Born Again."

The reality of the New Covenant is the greatest revolution in man's relationship with God.

- It undoes the fall of Adam and its consequences for his descendants – the human race.
- It destroys alienation and brings reconciliation.
- It destroys the curse and brings the blessing.
- It removes shame and releases acceptance.
- It removes the corrupt Adamic life and replaces it with the Jesus life.
- It give us power by the name and victory of Jesus over the wiles of Satan.

The old order was based on "**Thou** Shalt" and "**Thou** shalt not." It was based on God's demands on us. It brought shame, guilt and inferiority because we were incapable of living by such standards. It caused us to back away from God rather than draw near to Him.

The New Order is based on God Himself saying "I will."

- "**I will** remember their sins no more"
- "**I will** extract their hard hearts from within them."
- "**I will** implant My Spirit within" them and
- "**I will** cause them to walk in my ways."

*"**I will** make a NEW COVENANT with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah....*

***I will** put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and **I will** be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For **I will** forgive their iniquity, and their sin **I will** remember no more" (Jer. 31.31-35)*

*"**I will** take out the heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh and put my spirit within them." (Ezekiel 36.26)*

He can remember our sin no more because He has placed the guilt and shame of the sin of the world on Jesus. *"For this I was born for this I came into the world,"* (John 18.37) It is final. It is *"once for all."* *"It is finished."* It only needs to be CELEBRATED with THANKSGIVING and RECEIVED by faith.

*"In Him we HAVE redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence." (Ephesians 1.7-8)*

No longer do we approach God through the veil of our failure and shame. Because of the New Covenant we can now approach Him at the

reverse side of guilt, because we KNOW & BELIEVE that He has successfully placed all our sin and guilt on Jesus and has promised to *"remember our sins no more"*.

### **Entering In More Completely**

Even in Christianity (which is built around the New Covenant) there is often fear of entering into this awesome realm of God's boundless grace and love. We can fail to lay hold of the full privileges of this great covenant. It takes FAITH and BOLDNESS. This is a faith and boldness based on the solid facts of God's work for us and His invitation to come near. It is daring to believe and daring to come home to all God has prepared for us. It is underserved, unmerited, unearned. It is all of grace. It is a pure gift.

*"Therefore, brethren, having BOLDNESS to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way ... let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of FAITH having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience ... let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. (Heb. 10.19-23)*

### **What It Means to Implant His Spirit In Us**

There was forgiveness in the Old Covenant but with The New Covenant there is PERMANENT forgiveness because there is now permanent Atonement. Yet God goes even further than permanent forgiveness - He gives us a brand New Life. To do this He first extracts the sin principle from within us.

What is this sin principle? It is the ego centered, self-centered adamic nature which we all inherited, when Adam brought sin into the world. At that time his (and all mankind's) nature became corrupted with spiritual decay and moral corruption which we call "sin." Adam passed this condition on to his descendant's - to you and to me. Every human being is born with this. However, through the death and burial of Jesus God took care of this corrupt element of our nature. Jesus took it to the Cross along with our guilt and shame. He put an end to it. "It is

finished" - and from **the realm of His resurrection** He offers us His Spirit as a replacement of the corrupt side of our nature. We have risen with and in Him!

- If we invite Him to remove it - He will.
- If we invite Him to replace it - He will.

Receiving the Holy Spirit - the Spirit of God Himself - as our life principle is the essential element of the New Covenant. It is not an option.

The New Testament is far more than remission of sin - it is the REMOVAL OF OUR OLD ADAM LIFE AND the REPLACING OF IT WITH GOD'S OWN LIFE. As Peter says *"he has made us become partakers of the divine nature."*

Even Christianity, (which claims to be based on the New Covenant) has for the most part failed to enter into and live in its fulness. Many Christians stagger between Old Testament guilt and New Testament freedom, because they do not lay down the Adam life before receiving this new life. We often afraid to proclaim the fulness of the Grace of God and too timid to live in it.

### **Settled Before We Were Born – It Cannot Be Undone & Does Not Need To Be Redone**

This amazing new arrangement between God and Man (The New Covenant) was made without our consent or dissent. God did not consult with us. He acted by His own initiative. It was settled between God the Father and Jesus before anyone alive today was born. It is a new beginning for all who will believe it, receive it and lay down the old adamic way.

It is not a new religious method - it is a new arrangement between God and man. The invitation goes out from God Himself to "Come." "Come and be forgiven!" "Come and be reconciled!" "Come and be transformed!" It is His resurrection gift to all - the gift of His resurrection life to REPLACE our old life.

## The Duty Of Labor V. The Service Of Love

*"It is not what you do for Him. It is what He has done for you .. You will know no triumph save that which belongs to Him when He rose from the grave and offered you the priceless gift of His Resurrection life. Then having accepted His life there will come a change in yours ...."*

*"There is a great deal of difference between the duty of labor and the service of love. We find it necessary to relinquish the feeling that **we have to do this or we have to do that** to be acceptable before Him and receive His approving smile." - CS Price "Made Alive"*

### God's Ability Is Our Inheritance.

*God's ability is our inheritance. Just as the roots draw the moisture out of the soil , our roots in God draw the strength and vitality and ability of God. He is not only with us - He has become a part of us. He is in us. His nature is ours.*

*It would help us to say over and over again during the day, "God is in me. God's ability is mine. God's strength is mine. God's health is mine. His success is mine I am a winner. I am a conqueror, I am a success because the Greater One, with His great ability is in me."*

*It is not our giving up, but it is our taking on. It is our enjoying this Life with Him. It is our living with Him, fellowshiping, laboring with the Man of Ages. - E.W. Kenyon "The Two Kinds Of Faith"*

## THE GO 2020 MOVEMENT

*"The person who mobilizes the Christian church to pray will make the greatest contribution to world evangelization in history." Andrew Murray*

The GO 2020 movement is calling for 40-days of fasting and prayer (March 1<sup>st</sup> - April 9<sup>th</sup> 2020) for the salvation of people that don't know Jesus. They are calling for 100 million believers to give themselves to evangelism during the month of May. Their goal is to share the gospel with one billion people worldwide! This could be the global sledgehammer of God!

If the gates of Hades will not prevail against two or three praying in agreement, how much more

## TREASURES OLD & NEW



will the principalities and powers be shaken all over the globe by literally hundreds of thousands fasting like Jesus in preparation for THE MANIFESTATION OF JESUS THE EVANGELIST?

*... For 40 days, you will be praying with thousands for the manifestation of Luke 4:18. You will overcome Satan's temptations in these days. You will claim promises that beforehand seemed never to move forward. You will find your heart warmed with bridal love. You will see breakthroughs in your family, but corporately you will see breakthroughs for Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and secularists. Yes, may I say, even for the salvation of Israel!*

*This is our time. It's time for the 2020 vision and beyond, the 20s will be the decade of the harvest. - The Go 2020 Movement*

### Restored To Union

*"Your brother Yeshua undid the curse of Adam's deception and has restored your union with Him. Now He is in you and you are in Him, a new creation full of His goodness and His radiance. You are the light of the world. Your challenge now is to SEE what is already true about you."*

*- Ted Dekker "The Forgotten Way"*

### Praising God In Everything

*"Always be joyful. Always keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." (I Thess. 5:6-18).*

*"We can't really praise God without being thankful for the thing we are praising Him for. And we can't really be thankful unless WE BELIEVE that an omnipotent, loving Father is working for our good. Praising, then, involves both gratitude and joy that God is keeping His Word to work good through everything if we love Him. (Romans 8:28)*

*The very fact that we praise God ... means that we are accepting the fact that God is present in what is happening and will always make it work for our good. Otherwise it would make little sense thanking Him for it."*

*- Merlin Carothers - Foundation Of Praise*

Dear Friends,

We return to **Ireland**, for April, May and part of June where we have a full schedule of meetings.

In April we will also be ministering at Betel Church in Madrid, part of the world wide ministry led by Elliott Tepper.

We really need your prayers for these meetings to be fruitful and effective and to help the local body expand in every area.

At present there is a burden on the Body of Christ for the expansion of God's Kingdom. Prayer for this needs to be increased. We believe, as we pray, God will pour out a spirit of zeal and compassion that will energize His people to fulfill the great commission in every land.

### Ministry In Florida

These last months in Stuart have been blessed by our Thursday evening Bible studies in the home of Frank & Chris Storino and our weekly meetings in Ft. Pierce in the home of Lanell Williams. Sundays have been occupied with ministry in various local churches including **Open Door House Of Prayer** in Ft. Pierce, **Vero Worship Center**, in Vero Beach, **Victory In Christ** in Jupiter, **Love and Hope In Action** in Stuart. The subject of our Bible Studies this winter has been "**The Book of Luke**." We ourselves are surprised at the revelations we all receive when we study the book not only for head knowledge of the scripture but to discover the relevance and application of the words of Jesus to life in this 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Our books continue to bless the Body and we have recently updated our popular book *The Four Covenants*, which has a new title

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*"God's Covenants For Today"* We expanded the chapter on the Davidic Covenant, as this Covenant is becoming more relevant in the light of the restoration of Israel and the return of the Messiah.

We pray that the veil of complacency and unbelief that lies over the eyes of many in our society will be broken and that the Holy Spirit be released in a greater way.

In reaching out to new generations of unbelievers it is important to adapt to their culture. But this is not enough. The fires of prayer and dedication to the message of the Cross must be kept burning with Holy Spirit fire. If not mere activity and marketing plans will replace the supernatural activity of God's spirit.

In July (8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) we have the privilege of speaking at the DOC Retreat at a conference center in Hickory, North Carolina. We pray it will be a time of, encouragement, fellowship and inspiration through the presence and working of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome. We would love if some of you could come and join us. (See our web site for details)

Our annual Bible Study **Tour to Israel** is planned for October 13<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. We would love to have with us.

Our deepest thanks to all who help us with your encouragement, prayers and financial support. This ministry does not function without you. Let us know if we can serve you in any way in 2020.

One in His great love and service,

(Feel free to copy and share)



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