

New Covenant- Repentance & Heavenly Kingdom -3

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The new covenant is about saving from sin and walking as Jesus walked, and it is the most important thing to be saved from.

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Scripture: Matthew 1:21, Matthew 6:33, Hebrews 9:14, 1 John 2:6

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of valuing the blood of Christ and recognizing the price He paid to save us from sin. It highlights the transformation that occurs when we truly understand the sacrifice Jesus made for our sins and the need to repent and turn away from sin. The focus is on seeking holiness and being saved from sin above all else, aligning with the core message of the New Testament.

Transcript

The fundamental problem with the vast majority of Christians, and I say even here in CFC, is you have not valued the blood of Christ and seen what price he paid to save you from your sin. I didn't see it for many years after I was born again. I was careless with my words.

I used to be angry at home with other people. Rude. Oh, how it has changed since I saw the price Jesus paid for my sin.

There is a verse of a hymn, a poem that I repeat to myself many times, which goes like this, Ever when tempted, make me see Beneath the olive's moon-pierced shade My God alone Outstretched and bruised And bleeding on the earth he made And make me feel it was my sin As though no other sins were there That was to him who bears the world The load that he could scarcely bear That was to him my sin That was to him who bears the world The load that he could scarcely bear Lord, make me see that. That was written by Frederick Faber, the man who wrote, My God, how wonderful thou art. You know, if there's anything that's helped me to repent, it is seeing the price that Jesus paid for my sin.

When I was born again, one of the first things I did frequently was meditate on the cross of Calvary, because that's where God manifested his love. There was no such thing that people could meditate on in the Old Testament. They could only meditate on the law.

Wonderful things in the law, but nothing like the cross of Calvary. Think what we can meditate on. It changed my life to meditate on God's love for me, and as I meditated through the years, I began to get revelations on what Jesus suffered there, which I never heard or read in my whole life.

I mean, I never knew that Jesus suffered three hours of hell on the cross when he was forsaken by God. It became a revelation to me. What do you think that made my attitude to sin? When I realized that I crucified him, like we sing in that chorus or song, I hear my voice among the mockers saying, crucify him, crucify him, and I hear my voice there.

Have you heard your voice saying crucify him? Have you heard it? It will really change your attitude to sin. The new covenant has all got to do with sin, and in that connection, let me turn you to Matthew chapter 1. As soon as you finish the pages of the Old Testament, and you come into the pages of the New Testament, the very first promise, which is never found in the Old Testament. Three quarters of your Bible is the Old Testament, but you don't find this promise there.

It could not be found because nobody could do it. Matthew 1.21, You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. First promise in the New Testament.

Now today, there are many preachers, Christian preachers, who are telling you, come to Jesus and he'll make you rich, he'll give you a house, he'll give you a car, he'll give you a job, he'll give you this, that and the other. Well, you won't hear that from me, because I'm not interested in enlarging my congregation. I'm interested in getting people to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

I'm trying to show people the narrow gate that leads to life, not to increase the size of my church. It's all honor-seeking. And so, I preach what the New Testament says.

Come to Jesus and die to your self-will, and he will save you from your sins, which is the most important thing to be saved from. It's good to be saved from poverty, but it's not the most important thing. I can live with poverty, I'll tell you honestly.

I have done it also, the early days of our marriage. But I can't live with sin. I can live with sickness, but I can't live with sin.

Health and wealth are not the most important thing to me. Holiness is. Because Jesus didn't come to make me healthy or wealthy, he came to make me holy.

That's why the first promise in the New Testament has got nothing to do with health, nothing to do with wealth, nothing to do with comfort, nothing to do with your getting a job, nothing to do with healing your backache, but with saving you from your sin. And I'll tell you something else. God is so good.

When we seek his kingdom first, that's in Matthew 6.33, and his righteousness, that means his holiness. I say, Lord, I want to be holy as you are. Some of these other things that the Gentiles eagerly seek after get added.

Enough money to live. That's all I want in any case. Enough health to live and move around.

That's all I want in any case. I never pray, Lord, make me as strong as I was when I was 30 years old. Give me the same clear vision I had when I was 10 years old.

No, I never pray such things. I pray, Lord, give me enough money to live and give me enough health to do your work. If I have a few aches and pains and I get a little weaker in my body, that's okay.

But save me from sin. There should be no smell of sin in my life. There should be no smell of selfishness or pride or the love of money or bitterness in my life.

Nobody should ever see me in a bad mood 24 hours of the day. I never want to be in a bad mood. I want to be a blessing to other people.

How can you be a blessing to other people if you're in a bad mood sometimes? You think you could ever catch Jesus in a bad mood? You believe the Bible says in 1 John 2, 6, you can walk as Jesus walked. That is the new covenant. If you want a definition of the new covenant life, it is 1 John 2, verse 6, walking as Jesus walked.

If that's not your goal in life, I want to say to you right now, you will understand everything I say, but you will never in a hundred years enter the new covenant. But I can tell you another thing. All those here, it doesn't matter who you are, even if you're converted yesterday.

If your goal in life is to walk as Jesus walked, you will understand and live in the new covenant pretty soon. It may take time, but you'll enter it. For the rest, you'll just increase in knowledge.

Because God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. And the Bible has told us what we are to seek Him for. His name is Jesus who came to save us from our sins.

And the Bible says every prayer we pray, we must pray in the name of Jesus. Right? So imagine praying a prayer like this. Father, in the name of Jesus who came to save me from my sin, please give me money.

What sort of prayer is that? In the name of Jesus who came to save me from my sin, give me a bigger house. I'll tell you what you should pray in the name of Jesus. In the name of Jesus who came to save you from your sin, Lord, save me from my sin.

The other things will be added. And I'm not telling you theory. I've experienced that for 40 years.

Shall I tell you boldly with Jesus Christ standing right in front of me as a witness? For 40 years, I have never gone after money. Not once. Not in my secular work.

Not in my Christian work. And Lord, you are a witness to what I say right now. I've never starved.

My children have never starved. I pursued holiness and I found God has added all the other things. The same thing we found in our church.

We don't send reports anywhere. We don't send photographs of our work. So many people ask me when I travel different places, Brother Zach, do you have some needs in your church? I say no needs.

Absolutely none. God means all our needs. Won't you tell us? No, I won't tell you.

Sorry. People have asked me, Brother, we want to give you some money. That's up to you.

Send it to the church. But I'm not going to tell you what our need is. I say that only to God because I've said it only to God for the last 41 years.

I mean, if your father is the richest man in the world, can you imagine some beggar on the street asking you, do you want some money? And you say, can you give me those two pies from your tin can? This is how a lot of Christian workers are. I'll tell you why. Because God is not their father.

Some imaginary God is their father.

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