

1. Last week I taught in part the *Doctrine of the Four Unconditional Covenants*.
2. Before continuing, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may be necessary.
3. Let's begin with an expanded translation of Gal 5:19-21.

**Gal 5:19 Understand the production from the Old Sin Nature is certainly seen in various sexual sins, such as adultery, filthy thoughts, and shameful sexual conduct ...**

**Gal 5:20 idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, inordinate ambition, dissension, factions ...**

**Gal 5:21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.**

4. I want to review some of that learned last week and then begin new material on page three.

## **The Four Unconditional Covenants**

### **Abrahamic**

1. Although properly distinguished from the other three covenants the Abrahamic Covenant incorporates many aspects of the other three. Abraham will get a land and be a great nation and Abraham's descendants will be a blessing to the world and his name shall be great. Those kind to Abraham will be blessed and those who are not will be cursed. Gen 12:1-3
2. Abraham will receive a son from his own loins when he has capacity to enjoy the boy. Abraham's descendants shall be numerous. Gen 17:4
3. The promises to Abraham, like the other covenants, are unilateral! The sign shall be ... a unilateral symbol. Many nations will come from his loins. Gen 15:8-12

4. He will have kings come from his loins. He will get a new name. He has a promise not only for himself but for his descendants after him.

5. In a repeat of the promise after the temporal sanctification of Abraham God reiterates the essence of the Covenant and adds that Abraham shall garrison the gates of his enemies. The promise is confirmed repeatedly and enlarged in a number of instances and in no case is it ever made conditional on the faithfulness of Abraham or his descendants. Notice, first to Jacob and then to Israel even in the midst of terrible apostasy just before being exiled to Babylon, there is confirmation. Gen 28:10-13; Jer 31:35-36; Heb 6:13-18

6. We, as Church Age believers are also sons of Abraham. Gen 3:7-8

## **Davidic**

1. The promise to David, like the other covenants, are forever promises. 2Sa 18:14-16

2. The promise is in summary "that God will always have a descendant on the throne of Israel from the line of David." That descendant today is Jesus Christ Who sits on His throne as our Mediator.

3. As you can see from verse 16 it is an everlasting promise to Christ as the everlasting heir. The Covenant is unconditional.

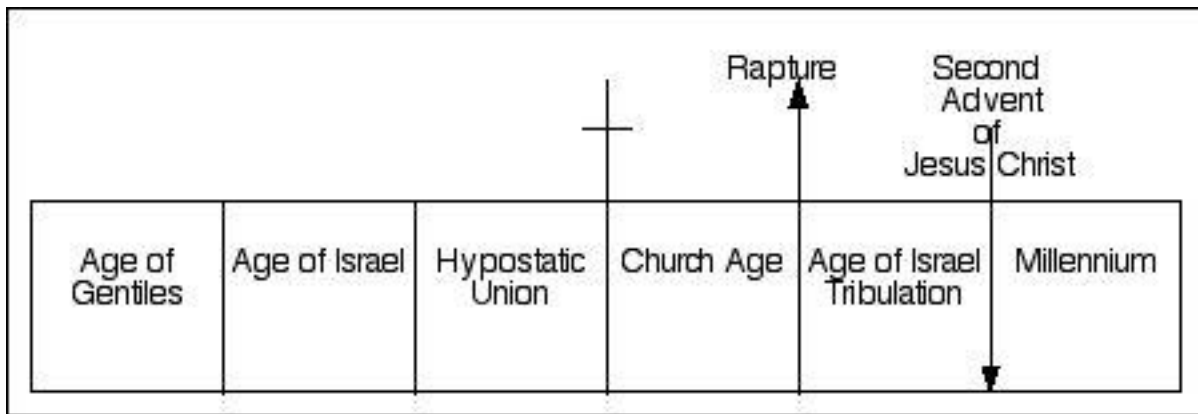
4. There is also as you can see a promise of land and protection in the land. The covenant is everlasting and thus unconditional as are the other three covenants. Even in their exile the promise is reiterated. Eze 38:24-26

5. While in Babylon the promises are said to be everlasting and unconditional. The Davidic Covenant includes a promise of a King, land and safety under a reincarnated David who will serve as Christ's Executive Officer in the Millennium.

## **Palestinian**

1. The Palestinian Covenant is a promise of a regathering of Israel to a land. Eze 20:33-38

2. Here is a promise of the land and the regathering of Israel to inhabit the land but only after they are abused during the Tribulation period.
3. The treatment in the Tribulation is followed by a renewed and changed people who enter the land to be blessed says verses Eze 20:42-44.
4. The land is defined in Gen 15:18-21.
5. Let's take a look at the Regular Dispensation Chart and note how and when the regathering takes place.



## New Covenant

1. Israel is changed. They will no longer sin in the Millennium. Jeremiah makes clear the covenant is everlasting and unconditional.

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Jer 31:32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

Jer 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jer 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Jer 31:35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

Jer 31:36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever.

Jer 31:37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

Jer 31:38 "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when this city will be rebuilt for me from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate.

2. Now let's see what we can learn from Gal 5:22-23.

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Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

1. Faith in Christ alone is not only the way of salvation but (an essential) fruit of the spirit though especially difficult to come by when things "turn south."

2. There are times when we all doubt and think God has somehow forgotten us. In fact, there are many books of the Bible which feature doubting Thomas's.

2.1 Certainly, not the least of which was Habakkuk, Jonah and Job. There are characters featured like Elijah who was full of fears and thus found himself running from Ahab and Jezebel.

3. All the merit of faith to be effective must be in an object with the inherent power to produce.

**Pisteuo Christ = Eternal Salvation**  
**Pisteuo Doctrine = Spiritual Maturity**

4. Faith therefore is often misunderstood for you see the mere act of having faith is useless if there is no object capable of producing.

Jam 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

5. Faith in doctrine as we have seen is our method for temporal sanctification, i.e., spiritual growth in time, and the faith in doctrine should be more real than reality.

2Co 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2Pe 1:18 And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.

2Pe 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed ...

6. Faith itself, says the Scripture, comes from doctrine, the mind of Christ.

Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Phi 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

1Co 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

7. Faith in the sense of a relaxed mental attitude is one of the fruits of the Spirit of God.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

8. Faith is enhanced when we are tested and proved.

1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

9. Faith in Christ is the means for overcoming the world. It is avoiding condemnation and the means of obtaining salvation. It then is the source of avoiding the bad and gaining the good.

1Jo 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

9.1 Several passages in the book of Revelation make this clear. Keep in mind "who is he that overcometh ... he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God."

Rev 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Rev 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

9.2 A quick point or two about the importance of doctrine in this faith process. If Peter were a lawyer, he might call 2Pe 1:3-8 his best summation.

## **Expanded Translation**

**2Pe 1:3 For you see God's divine power has provided everything that pertains to your life in time. Your spiritual life is a product of the doctrine you have in your soul. God called you for the solitary purpose of glorifying Him,**

**2Pe 1:4 to facilitate our progress in the Christian life, God has provided in Scripture many great and precious promises; by the inculcation of these marvelous promises, you can become a partaker of a divine nature, having escaped the control and domination of your old sin natures.**

**2Pe 1:5 And for this reason you must assemble a special cast of characters: add to your faith in Christ a consistent intake of knowledge and moral excellence and to this excellence you must add motivation and a positive attitude even in the most difficult of circumstances demonstrating a courage to continue learning,**

**2Pe 1:6 and to your knowledge add that special self-control which comes from organized thinking and to self-control add a stubborn persistence to learn even when many distractions attack and to this persistence apply what you have learned for living the Christian life and realizing your divine destiny,**

**2Pe 1:7 and to the persistent application of resident doctrine add a love for God, love of family, love of friends and a right mental attitude for even your enemies as you live your unique spiritual life;**

**2Pe 1:8 if we continue metabolizing Bible Doctrine, we will escape the corruption that is in the world sharing God's divine nature.**

9.3 Let me list the nine fruits of the Spirit listed in verse 22. By doing this I hope all of us might use the presence or absence of same in our lives and thus, aid our self-examination process when we partake of the Lord's Table: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

## **End Lesson**

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