

(New Covenant) 4. the Sign of the New Covenant

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The sign of the New Covenant is circumcision of the heart, a lifestyle of being transformed into the image of Christ.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of walking by faith and following Jesus. He encourages the congregation to praise Jesus and acknowledges that their faith sets them apart. The preacher emphasizes that preaching the true gospel is the reason for their faith and reminds the congregation that the Lord is able to do great things. He then discusses the significance of the table of the Lord and the importance of a relationship with Christ. The preacher urges the congregation to deny themselves and follow Jesus, emphasizing that faith is not just a one-time action but a way of life. He concludes by encouraging the congregation to hold on to their faith and not give up, as miracles are on their way.

Transcript

So it's wonderful to be here again and we welcome all our viewers and we are going to continue on the series of the New Covenant. We've dealt with the glory of the New Covenant which is Christ in us, the hope of glory. It's the life of Christ in us.

Just to remind you about it, the Old Covenant it was the glory of God was being manifested on the face of Moses and the glory of God came and filled the temple. But the glory of the New Covenant is Christ in us. The Bible says in the book of Hebrews that Christ is the glory of God.

Amen? So that's why we are called to grow in Christ so that his life is being manifested through us more and more. And then we dealt with the mark of the New Covenant which is the blood of Jesus Christ and we talked about it and now we're going to talk about the sign of the New Covenant. Before we talk about the sign of the New Covenant it's good to look back at the Old Covenant because we can't talk about the New if we do not try to compare the New from the Old.

Okay, so now I would like you to open your Bibles with me in the book of Genesis chapter 17. The book of Genesis chapter 17 when we talked about the glory of the New Covenant we mentioned the glory of the Old. Amen? When we talked about the blood of the New Covenant we mentioned about the blood of the animals that were shed for the sacrifices and we saw that the New Covenant is something new which means that it's not mixed with the Old.

The New brought something new so it's not just a continuation of the Old. So in Genesis chapter 17 we read from verse 9 and God said to Abraham as for you you shall keep my covenant. In verse 2 we see that God had made a covenant with Abraham that he will multiply him exceedingly that he will become the father of many nations.

And God said to Abraham as for you you shall keep my covenant you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. This is my covenant which you shall keep between me and you and your descendants after you. Every male child among you shall be circumcised.

Every male child after you shall be circumcised. Now Abraham had already a son called Ishmael and 13 years after God spoke to Abraham about this covenant and about the sign of that covenant. 13 years after Ishmael was born and represent the works of the flesh.

When Ishmael was born we all know how he became he was born and when we look at it today in the new covenant we understand that Ishmael represents the works of the flesh which we are not supposed to be linked with. We do not serve God today by the works of the flesh but by the spirit. That's why Isaac is called the son of the spirit.

Okay but 13 years after Ishmael was born God spoke to Abraham and said this is my covenant with you and the sign of this covenant would be that every male child that is born would be circumcised. At 99 years old Abraham was circumcised in the flesh and he circumcised his son Ishmael who was 13 years old and he circumcised every single male child or male person among them because circumcision of the flesh was the sign of the old covenant. Every male child had to be circumcised in the flesh and there was a reason for that because the old covenant is always a shadow of the new covenant.

It's a shadow. It didn't change their lives. No because Abraham was justified by faith long before he was circumcised.

Long before he was circumcised. He believed God he was justified by faith before his circumcision. That's why circumcision in the flesh does not change someone's life.

It was just a sign a shadow of what was to come in the new covenant. Nothing more and nothing less. Can you understand that? No one's life was changed but it was a covenant that was just a sign that God was in covenant with his people.

Can you understand that? All right now we move one step further. So he says every male child among you shall be circumcised and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins and it shall be a sign of my covenant between me and you. That was important for God.

That Abraham would keep that promise, would keep that covenant and that was the basis on which God would continue to bless him and to keep him and to care for him and to guide him and to speak to him. That's why Abraham did not wait long to circumcise himself and his son and every male among them because he understood how serious it was to keep the covenant with God. He who is eight days old

among you shall be circumcised every male child in your generation.

He who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant. He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised and my covenant shall be in your flesh. All right my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

Now you must keep that in mind as we go and the uncircumcised male child who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, listen carefully, that person shall be cut off from his people. He has broken my covenant. So everyone, every male that is not circumcised in the flesh would have broken the covenant and would have been cut off or in other words not recognized as being part of the covenant.

Now that's the old covenant here. Can you understand that? We shall refer that verse later to our life under the new covenant. But that was serious.

Even it was something done in the flesh. It was serious for them. And each time they would have a problem with God and each time you know there was something that would remind them that they were in covenant with God.

You know it was it was like you were carrying something with you all the time that God would have asked you carry this all the time with you and you and I will be in covenant with you. And each time and each time that they were looking to God even in their sin in their rebellion even in their state that they were rebelling against God they would take out that thing and say God I'm in covenant with you. You asked me to carry that in my life every day and not leave it anywhere.

That was a sign of the covenant I had with you. So the circumcision of the flesh was right there for them between them and God that whenever they would they would cry to God whenever they would cry to God and they would want to make right with God they would say God this is the sign of the covenant that you made with me. And God had no other thing to do but to bring back that fellowship in order because God is a God of covenant.

When he says something he does it. He's not a man to lie. He's not anyone to break the covenant.

That's why many times the leaders of the people of Israel reminded God about their covenant with Abraham. The God of Abraham. Remember the God of Isaac.

The God of Jacob. Remember they always remember God about that covenant in their rebellion. Now open your Bibles in Romans chapter 4. The book of Romans chapter 4. We read in verse 11.

In fact let us read from verse 9. It's interesting. Does this blessedness then come upon the circumcised only or upon the uncircumcised also? Or in other words does righteousness by faith comes only to the Jews or also to the Gentiles? Is it there for everyone? Is it available to anyone? Righteousness by faith. Remember Abraham became righteous by faith not because he was circumcised in the flesh.

Can you understand that? Okay. Now he goes on and he says for we say that faith was accounted to Abraham for righteousness. How then was it accounted? While he was circumcised or uncircumcised? Not while circumcised but while uncircumcised.

Just to make sure that anyone who is circumcised or not circumcised in the flesh has got access to the kingdom of God by faith. You've got access to the kingdom of God by faith. That's how we are saved.

By faith. By grace through faith. Without faith you can't be saved.

Am I right or not? You can't be saved. Okay. That's why God brought righteousness to Abraham before he called him to be circumcised.

That's why. And he goes on and he says and he received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness of the faith. As a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while still uncircumcised.

Can you understand that? So he's saying here I brought you to righteousness by faith. I called you to believe me in me. But then now I am asking you be circumcised.

This is a sign that by faith I called you to righteousness. Because we are going that this sequence is a mirror, is a what you call it, is a shadow of what happens to you and I today. This is what happens to you and I today.

So the sign of circumcision, the sign of the new of the old covenant or circumcision in the flesh. Correct? Now turn with me in the book of Exodus chapter 4. Exodus chapter 4 we read verse 24. Now Moses got married.

You know the story about how he got married. So God gave him a wife and he had a son. Now verse 24.

And it came to pass on the way at the encampment that the Lord met Moses and sought to kill him. Then Zipporah took, that's a wife of Moses, his wife, took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of a son and cast it at Moses feet and said, surely you are a husband of blood to me. So he let him go.

In other words, when God saw that Moses was ready to circumcise his son, which he did not do, God met with him and wanted to kill him. And Zipporah could not understand. She was grieved in her heart.

She did it somehow with, what would I say, sadness. That's why she called Moses like we see here, a husband of blood to me. But God was serious.

God was serious. Moses was negligent. He heard God's voice, started to, when he went to, he goes to Egypt, God had told him, but he did not circumcise his son.

And God wanted to kill him just for that reason. He had failed to do what he had to do. Because remember, it's a sign of a covenant.

You understand that? It's a sign of a covenant. And if God had to be with Moses and be with him and care for him and use him, he could not do so until the covenant was respected. He could not do so.

That's why he wanted to kill, kill him. You see, now he's starting, we're starting to understand that God is serious about covenant. Although that did not change him.

And what happened when you look in the book of Joshua, let's turn to the book of Joshua chapter five. Now we know that the first generation of the people of God had gone in the desert for 40 years, 40 years. They were all circumcised.

Correct? All of them were circumcised when they were in Egypt. They all died and they didn't enter the promised land, but there was a second generation, a second generation that entered the promised land,

but they were not circumcised. And God had to speak to Joshua, the same thing.

Joshua chapter five, verse two. At that time, the Lord said to Joshua, make flint knives for yourself and circumcise the sons of Israel again the second time. So Joshua made flint knives for himself and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins.

And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them. All the people who came out of Egypt were males. All the men of war had died in the wilderness on the way after they had come out of Egypt.

They had all died. For all the people who came out had been circumcised, but all the people born in the wilderness on the way as they came out of Egypt had not been circumcised. For the children of Israel walked 40 years in the wilderness till all the people who were men of war who came out of Egypt were consumed because they did not obey the voice of the Lord to whom the Lord swore that he would not show them the land which the Lord has sworn to their fathers that he would give us a land flowing with milk and honey.

Then Joshua circumcised their sons whom he raised up in their place for they were uncircumcised because they had not been circumcised on the way. So it was when they had finished circumcising all the people that they stayed in their places in the camp till they were healed. Then the Lord said to Joshua, this day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.

This very day because all of my people were now circumcised I'll stand for my covenant and I've rolled away now the reproach of Egypt. Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day and it's going like that all the way that God would insist for that sign of the covenant to be kept. Amen or not? Now open your Bibles with me in Colossians chapter 2. Now you must understand I think that no one was changed.

No one was changed. Circumcision in the flesh would not change their lives. It was just a covenant, a sign.

Now in the book of Colossians now we are dealing with a new covenant. We are new covenant people. Amen? All right? Now we are going to see the reason why the people of Israel were circumcised in the flesh.

You see God sees far beyond. God saw what he would do with us in our hearts. God saw what he wanted to do with us as a peculiar people, as a holy nation, as a nation that would stand up in the whole world, change, transform, that would not just carry a name.

No, but they would carry his life. They would carry his life. They would be more and more like him.

They would carry the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ, which the people of the old covenant did not. They just had the name. That's all they had, the name.

They were called my people. That's all. They made a mess of their lives.

They abandoned God. They left his commandments. They were in idolatry, in witchcraft.

But God wanted a people for himself that would represent him, that would be like his son, that would carry his life. That's why the new covenant is a circumcision of the heart. It's not a circumcision of the flesh.

The apostle Paul said in the book of Galatians chapter 6, whether you are circumcised or non-circumcised, it doesn't matter. What does matter is that you are a new creation, a new people,

transformed people, not religious people, not people that just believe in God. No, but Christians, not just people that believe in Christ, but true Christians, which is more than believing.

It's a life. You see, God knew about us. He sent Jesus Christ to save the world.

He wanted to redeem us from our sins so that we may become his people. The Bible says, you were not a people, but now you are his people. We were not the people of God.

We were cut off from everything. We had no connection with God, no fellowship with God. We had nothing, nothing, nothing.

But now we are the people of God. Why are we the people of God? What did we do with our bodies? How did we enter into covenant with God now? How do we enter into covenant with God? Can we open our Bibles? No, not now, not now. Can you just look, look, look at the old covenant and see how God entered into covenant with these people and try to do the same? We can't do that.

But unfortunately, the Galatians have gone back to the old covenant principle. If you look, if you watch in the book of Galatians, you will see that they were deceived. They even did the circumcision of the flesh.

Works, works, pleasing God by works. Hmm. But we are different people.

We have a different heart. Galatians chapter four, chapter two, sorry. We read from verse eight, beware, beware, lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world and not according to Christ.

For in him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And you are complete in him with the head of all principality and power. In him, you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ.

Can you see the difference? It's got, it's got nothing to do with the circumcision made by the hands of men. The Bible talks about circumcision of the heart by Jesus Christ himself. Amen.

And these verses are interesting, very interesting because he talks about a way of life. He doesn't talk about an action that has been done and then we finish with it. He talks about a way of life, but unfortunately, lots of Christians just depend on the day they were saved, which is fine.

They are saved. They are children of God. They serve the Lord.

They sing hallelujah. They bring their offering. It's okay.

But that's not the purpose. It goes much beyond that. It's a lifestyle.

It's a lifestyle where you grow in Christ, where you put off the old man, where you get away with the nature of your flesh, your sinful desires of the flesh. It's a walk. I have found that God started doing these things in my life a few years back and I have noticed that it's not finished yet.

I don't know if you have noticed it in your life, but I've noticed that I've still got a long way to go, but it's exciting to put off the old man and to put on the new man. It's exciting because that's what is called being circumcised by Christ. Christ dealing with my heart.

Christ dealing with me. Can you understand that? And where I am ready to give him my life and allow him to deal with the sinful desires of my flesh, which is the work of the spirit. All right? It's not the works of men.

It's not by works. It's not by strength. It's not by my knowledge.

It's not by my ability. It's not by my assurance, but it's by the spirit. Can you see that? That's how we become a new creation.

There's the time when we are born again. There's an experience of being born again, but there is also an ongoing experience of being changed to the image of Christ. That's the new covenant.

And the sign of the new covenant is not a fish. The sign of the new covenant is when you and I are being transformed. Can you understand that? We're being transformed.

When I start to see you grow in Christ, when I start God dealing with the issues of your life and my life, when I see how God delivers me and sets me free from the things I've been bound in my life as a Christian, that's the sign of the new covenant. We can't just rest on that experience of being born again, where God gave us miracles, when God healed us, when God set us free from cigarettes or alcohol or these things. But it's more than that.

It's a life. It's my life. It's my new life.

Look what Paul says, in him you were also circumcised in the circumcision, made without hands by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ, buried with him in baptism. Now I understand something here. The apostle Paul is not talking about the day you were baptized.

No. Although the day you were baptized, you were prepared to identify your life with his death. Can you understand? That's why you are baptized.

It's not just to say I'm a Christian. No. You are baptized because you are proclaiming that you are ready to identify with the death of Christ.

All right? Baptism is just a way of showing what you have decided. Baptism won't change you. Hello? You may have a certain experience while you are baptized, a blessing of God.

Okay. But baptism will not make you become like Christ. But it's just saying to the world, this is my desire.

I'm ready. I'm ready to identify my life with his death. In other words, I'm ready to lose my life so as to receive his life.

Buried with him in baptism. Buried with him in baptism. I tell you, if just by getting into the water would change my life, I'll do it every day.

I'll take a bath every day. Oh yeah. I'll take a bath every day.

Can you understand? But Paul is saying something else. Saying I'm buried. Buried with him.

I'm buried with him. My life. My life is being stripped off.

Thank you. Can you see? I'm being deprived of my life. I want his life.

My life is no good. And yours too. We all need to say, I'm crucified with Christ.

I'm crucified with Christ. Therefore, it's no more me who lives. It's Christ who lives in me.

That's not theory. That's not, that's not a truth for anyone who does not want to identify his life with Christ in his sufferings and in his death. Because you'll never partake to resurrection life.

I'm not talking about resurrection from the dead. I'm talking about resurrection life. Christ life.

I'm not ready to give my life and identify with Christ without knowing that in return I'll have resurrection life. I'll carry his life. I'll carry his anointing.

I'll carry the life of the spirit. In other words, I don't want to be a dull, dead, dry Christian. Can you understand? That's all it is.

If you want to carry on being dull, dry, and what? Dead. It's up to you. But if you want to get away with that and carry his life, you better allow God to circumcise you in your heart and change you from glory to glory.

You know, we cannot be foolish like Christians who say, I've got everything in Christ. I'm seated in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Wonderful.

Are you seated in heavenly places and at the same time you are a drunken Christian? Are you seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus and at the same time you are living in adultery? How can that be? Do you think you can fool God? No. You are seated in heavenly places because you have risen with Christ. You have risen with him because you were ready to lose your life and identify your life with his death, with his sufferings.

Then you can declare that you are seated in heavenly places because you have risen with him. That's a divine relationship. It's not just a talk.

You know why Christians are backsliding and living in sin and still going to church or even not being discouraged because they are not taught what they need to live. They are just happy to be Christians and bring their offerings and sing hallelujah and bring a bit of Christianity and belief and faith in their life and their life is theirs. I don't see that in this book.

I see people who have given their lives and given themselves and were ready to be anything, anything walked upon. That's the only way for you to be at peace with your persecutors. It's when you are circumcised by Christ.

Otherwise you'll fight them. You won't probably fight them with hands but you fight them in their heart. But the only way to be at peace in your heart with those that oppose you, stalk against you, persecute you and do whatever they want against you is when you are ready to feel the hand of almighty God in your life and be ready to be circumcised in your heart.

Then you will look at them in their face and say bless your darling heart and feel at peace. No anger. Can you understand? No anger, no strife, no animosity because it's the peace of God.

It's the fruit of the spirit and you walk in peace. The more they hate, the more you bless. The more they accuse you, the more you pray for them.

There's only one reason. That's resurrection life. That's resurrection life.

Buried with him in baptism in which you also were raised with him. Oh hallelujah. Through faith in the working of God.

Oh you've missed that. It was a good opportunity for you to say yes, amen. Faith in the working of God.

Have you got faith in the working of God? Have you got faith to be transformed that next week and next month and next year you won't be the same person? That's Christianity. Anything else is religion. Religion.

If your wife sees the same husband year after year, you've got a big problem. Same type of guy. Yeah, I've been like that for many years.

Not the same type of guy but worse guy. I'm telling the truth. I'm telling the truth.

But when I started to understand the true gospel of the cross of Jesus Christ and what God was calling me, things started to change. And I am not ashamed when my wife stands here because she will say the truth about me. She will not hide me.

She will not cover me. Can you understand? That's why when she stands there, I don't want to hide myself or fear that she will say something. Can you understand where I'm coming from? We're talking about resurrection life.

That's why many pastors don't give the microphone to their wives because they see every day the same kind of guy. He never repents. Never repents.

Never. Repentance is for those who are sitting there. For him, he doesn't need to repent.

He's the first one to repent. The first one to repent. We're talking about resurrection life.

We're talking about circumcision in the heart. We're talking about the sign of the new covenant. It's not a flag.

You can carry a flag anywhere you want. You can carry your flag and run around this building there you know and make a fool of yourself with a flag carrying Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. And your wife looks at you and say, just an hypocrite.

A lot of things are happening in churches today. But where is the reality of identifying life with Christ? Where is that reality? Where is it? Where is it where you can preach anything without restraint even if you are not perfect? But you know that you desire the reality. Then you are yourself with all your weaknesses, with all your faults, with all your attitudes.

But God is dealing with these things. God's dealing with it. And each time my attitude goes bad, there's the blood of Jesus Christ.

As I repent and pour my heart before him, the Bible says in the book of John, the blood of Jesus Christ washes me clean. Hallelujah. What's the sign of the new covenant? It's not staying the same person all your Christian life.

God is not interested in a good husband. Come on wife, say something about that. You know, my husband is a darling.

He's so wonderful. He's so good to me. It's okay.

Keep carrying on. But you know, when that wife of yours does things to you, hear me well, and you don't react the same way like you did before. And she says, what's happening to you, sir? What's happening to you, sir? She knows what's happening because she knows the gospel.

That's reality. That's reality. You see, the apostle Paul talks about... No, let's continue.

It's so exciting. Let's continue. You see, it's very much the same what Paul says in Ephesians chapter 4 which I want you to read by yourself, okay? You can read that by yourself, no problem.

Now verse 13, and you being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he has made alive together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses. I mean, that's talking about being spiritually alive. You understand? That's not talking about being born again.

We are way ahead of that now. That's past. Can you understand it? We're talking here, the apostle Paul is talking here about being spiritually alive.

He has quickened us together with him. We are becoming more and more alive in Christ. That's what he's talking here.

He has made alive together with him. How? By the circumcision of his hand on our lives. And the apostle Paul goes on to say something exciting.

He's saying, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us, and he has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. In other words, the Bible is talking about the penalty of the law has been removed. The penalty of the law has been removed.

The law was abolished in his death. Correct? That's what it says here. The law was abolished in his death.

Now it's the life of the spirit. It's no more alive under law. Works, law, having to do things, being under obligation to do things according to the law.

No, no, the penalty of the law has been removed. Correct? So what is he talking about? Just before he's been talking about being quickened, quickened, being alive, talking about the life of the spirit, the walk of the spirit. Yeah.

So as much as you are circumcised by the hand of Christ, you are walking by the spirit. Because now you are flowing in obedience to the spirit, speaking to a circumcised heart. That's where the direction comes.

The direction doesn't come anymore by law. No, it doesn't come by having to do things, by being obliged to do things. No, this penalty has been removed.

And the Holy Spirit has come. He's the one who quickens us. He's the one who leaves the life of Christ in us.

He's the one who changes us. So it becomes a life of the spirit. I think that's exciting.

So we don't need anymore the circumcision of the flesh. That was a shadow of what would happen. And what would happen to those? We read that.

What would happen to those who would not be circumcised in the flesh? You remember? I told you to remember that. What would happen to them? They were cut off from his people. Cut off.

No more in covenant with God. All right? Now you are born again, and you don't want to take up your cross and follow him, and you don't want to identify your life with Christ. You understand that? You are cut off from grace.

From grace. You are still a child of God, but you are cut off from grace. You see, God can't have full fellowship with you if you are not ready to give him your life.

If you are not ready to identify your life with his sufferings, with his death, so as to partake to his life, you'll be okay. I mean, in the sense that you'll be okay. I'm a child of God.

You'll carry the fish. That's okay. Don't look at my car.

But you know, I carry the fish. But I'm determined in my heart to become a man of the spirit more and more. So that's fine.

Don't make a joke of yourself by just putting a fish in the back of your car. God can't deal with you if you don't want to give him his life as he deals with those who want to give him their life. God can't deal with you on the same basis.

He can't. He can't. And you know what will happen to you? Listen to me.

You'll walk in sin. But the Apostle Paul says something else. He says, having wiped out the handwriting, and then he says, having disarmed principalities and powers, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Sin was atoned by the shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ. Sin was atoned. In other words, the Apostle Paul is saying, you allow your life to be circumcised by Christ.

You will not walk under the law. You will walk according to the spirit. And you will not walk by the desires of sin.

You will not be captivated and bound by sin, but you will have victory over sin. Because the same way that the law was crucified, the law was nailed to the cross, the same way Jesus Christ has pulled down all principalities and powers, and you are now free to walk in victory over sin. That's the way it goes.

Because sin was atoned. Dealt with by Christ, on the cross, by the shedding of his blood. That's why Satan has no right to keep us in bondage of sin.

There is the question now. Why so many Christians walk in sin? You are the answer. You are the answer.

They are just religious Christians. That's all it is. Can you see the plan of God since Genesis? Can you see the plan of God since the book of Genesis? Can you see it coming? Abraham, Isaac, Jacob.

Can you see it coming? Moses, Joshua. It's coming. It goes on and on.

Until one day the Son of God died on that cross and he dealt with everything. And now his hand is open our lives. Now his mighty hand is on our lives.

And we are changed from glory to glory. The Bible said that Jesus Christ made a spectacle of all the principalities and powers. I always take that example.

You know my example that I take. You know when Asterix and Obelix have the story and they are dealt with all these Romans and they don't have any shield. They don't have any armor.

They come like that back. They all come back to the camp finished completely. That's the image that the Apostle Paul gives us about what Jesus Christ dealt with the principalities and powers just to make us know that we are not supposed to walk in sin.

We are supposed to be victorious over sin and Satan is not supposed to have any hold on your life and on my life. And the key is that covenant with God. My covenant with God.

Do you remember when Jesus says this is the blood of my covenant? Do you remember? He says this is the blood of my covenant. Drink it. How can we drink his blood? Have you ever drank the blood of Christ? Who's done so? What he's talking about? He's talking about our identification because the blood represents his suffering and his death.

That table of the Lord that we partake represents the sufferings and the death of the Son of God. This is the blood of my covenant. Take it and drink it.

This is the bread of my covenant. Take it and eat it. That's religion.

That's religion. It's amazing how people become religious. There are people who tell you, you know, in this church you don't take the table of the Lord every week.

And so what? But we understand this table of the Lord. Yeah. I don't know why God leads us to have one and a half hours worship.

That's how it goes. It's the same. It's the same.

There are many churches, it's 20 minutes and 20 minutes, the pastor just gives a sign, you stop it now. And that's it. And then they have time to take the table of the Lord for 15 minutes.

After 15 minutes, that's it. Yeah. That's that religion.

We're not talking about religion here. We're talking about the relationship with Christ. We're talking about a life that is given.

We're talking about a life that is deprived of itself. Yeah. That's why Jesus said to his disciples, deny yourself.

You want to follow me? Deny yourself, deny your right, denied for who you are, deny your name, deny your culture, deny your rights, deny everything and follow me. That is everything. Yeah.

Deny everything about yourself. Hard stuff. Who says Christianity was nice? Jesus didn't say that.

There's many blessings that we know that. Yeah. There are many blessings because Jesus cares for us.

He's our shepherd. He's our strong tower. He's everything for us.

We know that there are many blessings that God gives us. We don't deny this. It's wonderful.

He takes care of us. But that's not the most important thing in life. You follow me? How many of you want to walk in victory over sin? That's the purpose of it all.

That's why we look back six thousand years four thousand years with Abraham and God asked him, circumcise yourself. Sometimes you read that and you say, what for? Why? You see, everything that happened in the old is just a shadow of what was to come in the spirit when the son of God died on that cross and shed in blood and rose again from the dead. Another time covenant started in the spirit, in our hearts.

And now we live by the prompting of our hearts. We don't live by obligations, laws. You must do that.

There is this to do. You must give that. You must this.

You must that. No more. You are free.

You know why you are free? Because God believes in the power of Christ circumcising your heart. That's why he lets you, he gives you that freedom. Yeah.

That's why he removed that law because that law can't keep you walking a holy life. That law can't. But he removes everything and he says now you are free.

Why are we free? Because God knows that a man who is willing to give up his life and allow Christ to circumcise his heart, there's no danger in freedom. We are a new people, guys. Yeah.

We are a new people. And I want to declare and repeat and repeat and continually repeat to all of you, there is one law left for us. Please.

Thank you, sister. The law of love. Because if you happen to love me the way I am, you've made it.

Yeah. If you, you know Peter said something this morning. Don't put stones.

Did you hear that this morning? Don't put stones between you and your son and your wife and your husband and your brothers and your sisters. Don't put stones. God is able.

You're right. Am I correct? That was wonderful. God knows the power of that word.

He knows the power of the spirit. God the father knows when Christ circumcised your heart what you can become. He knows that.

Hallelujah. Yeah. Hey, that's exciting.

Oh, hallelujah. Amazing. That's why you are not supposed to stay the same person as you are.

Because then you are a religious person. You don't understand what God wants to do in your life. You don't understand the new covenant.

You don't understand. You can know the Bible, but you don't understand the new covenant. You don't understand the finished product that God wants to do with your life.

And we heard this morning that we are not called to just start the race, but to complete the race. And how are you going to complete the race? How? Can you put this word in practice you? By your own strength? You can do that? Can you obey everything that is in there? You can do that you? Lift your hand if you can. You can't do it.

You can't do it. And you can't do it. And you can't do it.

You only walk by the spirit. This book is for those who walk by the spirit. Hallelujah.

The sign of the new covenant is being circumcised by Christ. We put off the desires, the sinful desires of our flesh. We put off the old men, that old men.

And we put on the new man, which is created in Christ Jesus, in the image of God. Do you want that? That's the way to go. Amen.

Circumcision by the hand of Christ. Unfortunately, it's not just one deal. It would be nice if it was just a deal.

You know, just one off thing. Then we are off. Unfortunately, it's not.

It's a walk. Day by day. Take up that cross.

And you walk with Christ. And you see your husband, your wife, your brothers, your sisters change. Isn't that wonderful? Isn't that wonderful? I tell you guys, we need the gospel.

We need the true gospel of Jesus Christ. We can't deceive ourselves by trying to confess the Bible all day and live another life. We can't deceive ourselves.

But when you walk by faith, then your heart will speak the word of the Lord. Your heart will speak what is written in this Bible. When you walk by faith, and you take up that cross and follow Jesus.

Would you give a wonderful praise to Jesus this morning? Is that all you can do? It is wonderful. It is wonderful. Jesus.

That's why we are different. It's all because of him. That's why we are different.

That's why I have faith for you. And you have faith for me. Well, it's the only reason.

Because we preach the true gospel. And the Lord keeps reminding us that he is able. He can do it.

Weren't you encouraged this morning by what the Lord was speaking on the platform? Not what I was speaking, but before. Wasn't that great? It was wonderful. And I want to encourage you.

Because that's been four days now. And it's in my heart to talk to you. Not on TBN.

But here. About faith. A series on faith.

I don't know what I'm going to speak to you. But faith. Faith.

Faith. Faith for miracles. Faith for healings.

Faith for our lives. Faith for the provision of God. Faith for everything.

And I was glad to hear that this morning. What happened here this morning, I was glad. Because it confirmed what I had in my heart since four or five days.

To speak to you about faith. And I repeat to you. Hold on.

Don't give up. Don't give up. The miracle is on its way.

Don't give up. He's on the throne. If you want to follow him.

If you want to serve him. We do not give up. Amen? Would you stand up? We're going to praise him today.

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