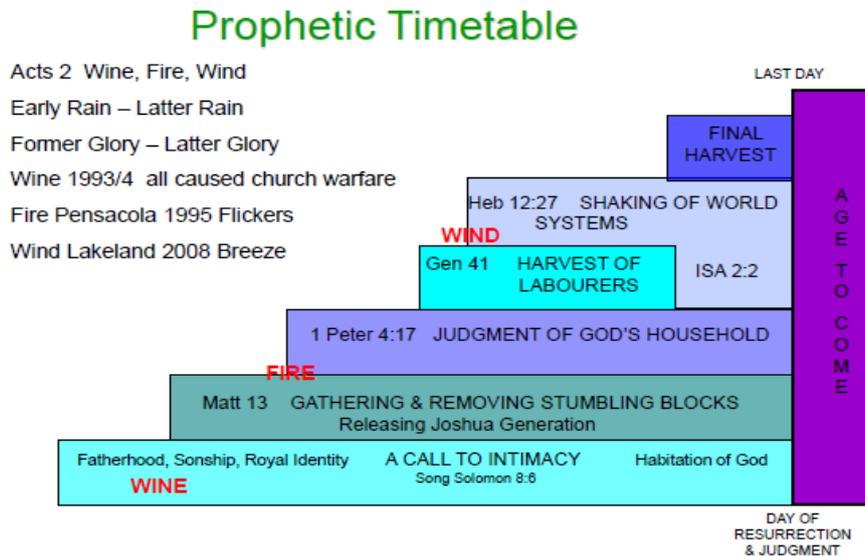


02 – Transformation – Covenant

Session 2



2 Cor 3:18 .. are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another

- Progressive levels of transformation to maturity
- Progressive levels of responsibility & authority
- Servant to Bond servant to Steward to Friend
- Lord to King to Son

- Season preparing us for holiness
- Season to remove stumbling blocks
- Season is to prepare us to cross the threshold into the glory realm
- Don't resist it embrace it
- Be changed from glory to ever increasing glory

Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Change = opportunity?

- Change = insecurity?
- Why do we struggle with change?
- Fear of the unknown
- Comfortable where we are
- Sounds like hard work
- Better the devil you know

Transformation - Discipline or Punishment?

Discipline Hebrew *muwcar* - reproof, correct, train, warn, instruct

Proverbs 1:2-3 To know wisdom and instruction to discern the sayings of understanding, 3 To receive instruction in wise behaviour, righteousness, justice and equity.

Discipline Greek *paideia*

Instruct, train, correct, educate

2 Timothy 3:16 Every Scripture is Godbreathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, and for training in righteousness in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action.

Punishment?

Retribution – pay back

Suffering, pain, or loss as retribution

The infliction or imposition of a penalty

Severe, rough, or disastrous treatment

God does not punish people

Why confusion discipline & punishment?

Example of Authority figures

Parents, teachers, police, magistrates, judges, church leaders

Heb 12:7 You must submit to and endure correction for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not [thus] train and correct and discipline

Hebrews 12:8 Now if you are exempt from correction and left without discipline in which all [of God's children] share, then you are illegitimate offspring and not true sons [at all].

Hebrews 12:11 For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

The love of Christ

2 Cor 5:14 For the love of Christ motivates us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

What motivates and empowers us to embrace and endure?

The mercies of God new every morning

Freedom from sin – Rom 6:16-18

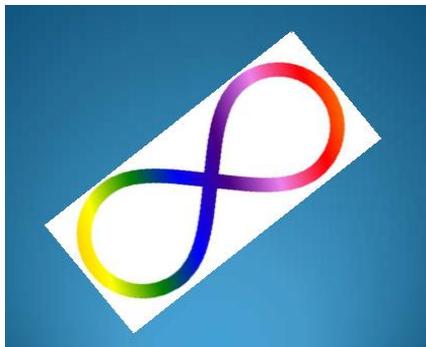
Gift of eternal life – Rom 6:23

Peace with God – Rom 5:1

- The grace of God – Rom 5:2
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- Mercy checked lovingkindness
- Covenant love
- Covenant is a commitment, agreement or contract only broken by death
- Stipulations or terms
- Cut with blood & stone
- Ratified by exchange



Why did people make covenants?

- Love Marriage
- Mutual protection Insurance
- Mutual benefit Contracts
- Exchange or trade takes place in covenant
- Coats – identity & blood

God's M.O. is by covenant

- Adam Hosea 6:7
- Noah Gen 9
- Abraham' seed – Isaac – Jacob – Gen 12,15,17
- Israel – Moses – Ex0d 19-24
- David – 2 Sam 7
- Jesus – Jer 31, Heb 9

Gen 15:8 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants (seed) I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates:

Gen 15:19 the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite 20 and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim 21 and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite."

- Covenant Abram made with his seed (Jesus and us in Him)

Act 3:25 It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ' AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.'

Gal 3:16 Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, "And to seeds," as referring to many, but rather to one, " And to your seed," that is, Christ.

Gal 3:29 And if you belong to Christ [are in Him Who is Abraham's Seed], then you are Abraham's offspring and heirs according to promise.

Rom 4:13 For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world

Heb 11:9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise; 10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. It is usually sealed with blood

Is a total commitment to each other

It binds each party to be committed to love one another and do good to one another

To share all they have and also to support one another to the very death when attacked by an outsider.

New Covenant is the fulfilment of covenant to Abraham's seed

Jesus made the covenant with His own blood on cross

Jesus made the covenant with God as Abraham's seed

Covenant is unbreakable & totally Reliable

Abraham offered Isaac His son – a precedent was set

God offers Jesus His son

Deut 7:9 "Know therefore that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

Mercy applies the covenantal power & victory of the cross

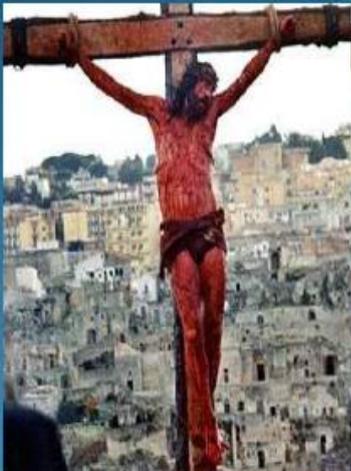
Jesus was my substitute he traded places with me to deal with the penalty or wages of sin, He died for me

Jesus was my representative to deal with the power of sin, He died as me

When Jesus died I died

Blood brothers

The Covenant Exchange at the Cross

<p>SIN & SICKNESS DEATH OLD LIFE BONDAGE TO SIN OLD NATURE GUILTY CONDEMNED SINFUL JUDGMENT SLAVES TO SIN</p>		<p>FORGIVENESS & HEALTH LIFE NEW LIFE FREEDOM FROM SIN NEW NATURE INNOCENT AQUITTED RIGHTEOUS JUSTIFICATION SLAVES TO RIGHTEOUSNESS</p>
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1 Cor 5:21 God made Jesus who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

<p>Old Life Old Identity Old Family All recorded decrees against you All your past sin Date of birth</p>		<p>New Life New Identity New Family No guilt, condemnation Righteous Date of adoption 7 witnesses</p>
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Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, 18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rom 5:2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand

Rom 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

Rom 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

2 Cor 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

Rom 9:23 And He did so to make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy, which He prepared beforehand for glory

2 Cor 4:1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart,

Eph 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy,

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. 16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

1 Peter 2:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

God is a covenant-making God.

Covenant expresses his inexhaustible and supreme love. The love between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is covenant love.

In giving his life for the sins of the world, Jesus entered a New Covenant in his blood with the Father. It was total commitment and self-giving without reservation on behalf of both parties.

It is stronger than death!

It cannot be broken or annulled.

It sustains your salvation

New Covenant, everything belonging to the Father belongs to Jesus

If you are in Christ, everything belonging to the Father belongs to you

God's mercies or covenant love is the basis of our transformation

God's mercies are motivated by His love

God's love motivates us to change

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