

Power In Redemption Series:
Living in the Covenant God Ordained

Introduction

As we stand here gathered today, many people give their lives to God yet never fully receive or experience the blessings of the covenant He ordained before creation. To truly live a life of redemption, we must understand both what redemption means and the covenant that every believer has in Christ Jesus.

Many people today experience one failure after another because they have not aligned their lives with the New Covenant established by the Father through Jesus Christ. We may say that we are saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, but unless we understand and exercise our rights as believers in Christ Jesus—and receive the benefits of the New Covenant secured by His blood sacrifice on the Cross of Calvary—we are like the person described in James 1:21–25, who looks at himself in a mirror, walks away, and immediately forgets what he looks like. We will continue to live in defeat until we believe the truth, align ourselves with it, allow it to transform us, and put into practice the covenant rights the Father has given us through the blood of Jesus Christ (Leviticus 17:11).

You cannot be in covenant with the world and be in covenant with God. Throughout history, **God separated himself and brought judgment upon those who wanted to align themselves with other religions, deities and people who contradict what God's words says and teaches us. God puts us in the world not to be of the world but to fulfill His purpose in us to infiltrate, impact and expand His Kingdom in and through Jesus Christ!!! (John 17:15-16; John 15:19 and Romans 12:2)

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****The Story of Phinehas. Numbers 25**

- **The Sin:** The Israelite men began having sexual relations with Moabite and Midianite women and worshipping their foreign god, Baal of Peor.
- **The Plague:** God sent a plague as judgment, which killed 24,000 Israelites.
- **The Act:** An Israelite man named Zimri brought a Midianite woman named Cozbi into the camp in front of Moses and the weeping assembly. Phinehas (grandson of Aaron the priest) took a spear, followed them into the tent, and drove it through both of them.
- **The Result:** The plague stopped immediately. Because of his zealous action for God's honor, God made a covenant of a permanent, lasting priesthood with Phinehas and his descendants.

But the problem is this: James 4:2–4 (NKJV) ² You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend *it* on your pleasures. ⁴ Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

To completely break free from ungodly ties, friendships, and influences—regardless of how they may appear—we must quite making excuses, fully embrace our identity in Jesus Christ, the New Covenant established through Him, and the power of the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed and is in the land. It starts with a reality check!!

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Main Text: Colossians 1:9-14

Supportive Text: Romans 3:24, Matthew 20:28, Galatians 3:13-14, 1 Timothy 2:6, Hebrews 9:12

History: Colosse was situated in the Lycus River Valley in western Asia Minor, about 120 miles east of Ephesus and 10 miles southeast of Laodicea. Its location was on an important Roman road meant that it was influenced by the social and religious sects of that time. This letter was written to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colosse that were being influence by the social and religious sects of the that time and Paul wrote to remind them of what Jesus Christ had done and their ability to overcome through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:9–14(NKJV) ⁹ For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

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**9 things this passage tells us as Believers that
we must implement in our lives.**

1. We need to be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.
2. Walk worthy of the Lord.
3. Fully Pleasing Him.
4. Fruitful in every good work and increasing the knowledge of God.
5. Strengthened with all might according to His glorious Power with patience and longsuffering with joy (James 1:2-4)
 - a. Might: Dunamis: Miraculous power; ability, abundance, workers of miracles, strength, violence, mighty work.
 - b. Power: Kratos: dominion, might and strength.
6. Give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.
7. He has delivered us from the power of darkness.
 - a. Jesus is the one who has delivered us (John 7:37-38)
 - b. Delivered: Rescued, brought out.
 - c. Power of darkness: Exousia: ability, privilege, force, mastering.
8. He has conveyed (transferred) us into the Kingdom of the Son of His love.
9. We have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sin. (Sin is what separates us from the Father).
 - a. Redemption: ransom in full, deliverance, separation, departure
 - b. Comes when one understands Covenant and is living, walking and applying covenant rights in one's life.

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Application:

1. Walk in a way that is worthy and pleasing to the Lord.
2. Be determined to be fruitful in all you do and ask God for knowledge and wisdom to succeed.
3. Ask God for His strength and power to accomplish the task He has given with all patience, longsuffering and joy.
4. Remind yourself: You have been delivered from the power of darkness. Use your authority and ability that God has given in the name and blood of Jesus Christ to command and overcome.
5. You must separate yourself from those who contradict and oppose the written word of God whether it is people, political or social party platforms, etc. You are in the world but not of the world. You are there to bring transformation through the word of God by implementing Godly ideas.
6. Remind yourselves, you have been conveyed or translated into the Kingdom for the Son of His love. (you don't have to partake of anything that contradicts or could ensnare you)
7. Remind yourself you have been redeemed through His (Jesus's) Blood. Apply and speak the Blood of Jesus over yourself, your family, your friends, your loved ones, your job , your coworkers and any and everyone else you come into contact with.

In order for us to be able to live a life of redemption, we must fully understand "covenant" and our "covenant rights/benefits" as a "Born Again Believer". We have the ability to apply and live the covenant that The Father instituted through Jesus Christ on the night that He (Jesus) made covenant with his disciples and humanity by giving of his body as a sacrifice and this blood to ratify the New Covenant. We will begin looking in detail at the New Covenant next week.