

**Hope When You Need it
Most**

Hope for Change

- System of redemption
- Trying harder
- Accountability groups
- We run from it
- A new stage/place in life

Covenant Eyes Introduces 'Extreme' Version Which Emails Internet History To Paul Washer

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OWOSSO, MI—The development team behind popular and versatile accountability program Covenant Eyes rolled out an update Wednesday, introducing a brand new "Extreme mode," in which users struggling with pornography addiction will have a list of websites visited each day emailed straight to preacher and missionary Paul Washer.

"In our field trials, we found that over 98% of men using the new program ceased all questionable activity almost immediately, as the fear of God was placed in their hearts upon learning that Washer would see their every move online," a Covenant Eyes representative told reporters. "The 2% of men who continued to view porn even with Washer's watchful gaze on their internet histories . . . well—just remember, Covenant Eyes assumes no responsibility for user safety."

Exodus 34:1-3

The LORD said to Moses, “Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. 2 Be ready in the morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Present yourself to me there on top of the mountain. 3 No one is to come with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain; not even the flocks and herds may graze in front of the mountain.”

Exodus 34:4-5

4 So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the LORD had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands. 5 Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD.

Exodus 34:1-5

Exodus 34:6-7

6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, 7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation." Exodus 34:6-7

Exodus 34:8-9

8 Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. 9 “Lord,” he said, “if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.” Exodus 34:8–9

Psalm 103:8-14

8 The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love. 9 He will
not always accuse, nor will he harbor his
anger forever; 10 he does not treat us as our
sins deserve or repay us according to our
iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are
above the earth, so great is his love for those
who fear him;

Psalm 103:8-14

12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

13 As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; 14 for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

Psalm 103:8-14

The Hope of a New Covenant

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

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27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. 28 Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:25–28

Winston Smith

God's goodness and love aren't restrained by our bad behavior. If they were, our sin would be more powerful than God's love. Because God meets our sinfulness with his powerful love, we have hope that he can change us.

The Personal Presence of God

- ... your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit ... 1 Corinthians 6:19
- 14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs— heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ ... Romans 8:14–17

Galatians 5:16-17

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

What false hopes do you rely on for change? How is reliance on Jesus' commitment to you better?

What good desires have you noticed the Holy Spirit stirring up in you in the middle of sin/failure/hopelessness?