

July 13, 2018

Hello Church Family,

The Everlasting Covenant

God's last message to the world in Revelation 14:6-12 is a presentation of the "everlasting gospel". It is given in the context of a warning message. A call to repent and "worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."--Revelation 14:7. This is definitely a reference to the fourth commandment to keep the Sabbath, it's almost a quote from part of that commandment that that gives the reason why it should be kept: "For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it." -- Exodus 20:11

The context of the last gospel message—the three angels' messages—must be given to Christians as well as non-Christians because God's Holy Sabbath has been forgotten by the majority of Christians today. Unfortunately, when the topic of the Sabbath comes up in a sermon, Bible study, or even a conversation with other Christians, the most likely response will be "That's only for the Jews" or "That's old covenant; we are new covenant Christians today.

What is the "old covenant" and what is the "new covenant"? It is important to recognize that the Bible uses the concept of old covenant/new covenant in more than one sense.

First, there is a historical sense in which the use of an earthly sanctuary, sacrifices, and ceremonies which were required before Jesus died were no longer to be practiced because Jesus life and ministry, death, resurrection, and priestly ministry typified by the "first covenant" (old covenant) services were no longer needed. New ceremonies were added by Jesus before His death however—baptism, foot washing, and the Lord's supper.

The second sense in which the Bible uses old covenant/new covenant is experiential. The old covenant ceremonies actually illustrated new covenant realities. Every time an Israelite went to the sanctuary and observed and performed the sacrifices and ceremonies with faith they were being taught the new covenant. And God wanted them to experience the new covenant through this teaching tool.

But what is the "new covenant" experience? The new covenant is the same thing as the "everlasting covenant": the blood of Jesus that provides everything we need to be saved. [Hebrews 13;20, 21]. "New" in relation to God's covenant doesn't mean "brand new." In Hebrew it means "renewed". The "everlasting covenant" is God's way of saving through the blood of Jesus Christ any sinner—from Adam to the last sinner saved. Each time the covenant is presented in the Bible it is a renewal of the same covenant revealed to Adam and Eve in Genesis 3:15. But its clearest expression is Jeremiah

31:31-33 *“Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”*

This is quoted in the New Testament in Hebrews 8:10-12 to clearly establish what the new covenant really is. Notice the law in the heart is the same for all people.

The new covenant is God fulfilling the gospel promises of righteousness to us through faith. The old covenant is trying to generate what only God can accomplish. Hagar and Sara represent the two covenant experiences. Hagar and Ishmael represent old covenant legalism. Legalism is a self-generated and insufficient obedience that doesn't come from Jesus. Sara and Isaac represent the new covenant of righteousness by faith through grace (see Galatians 4:21-31).

In one sense it really doesn't matter when we live in history—before the cross or after the cross. The promises of the new covenant have been available if we choose them.

In terms of our personal experience, both covenants have the same law. The real question is how do we find harmony with it? How you answer that question will determine whether your experience the new or the old covenant.

See you soon,
Mike

Here's a quick look at a lot of Chapel Oaks information. Have a fabulous Friday and a satisfying Sabbath!

SABBATH, July 14

9:30 a.m. – Sabbath School

10:45 a.m. – Worship Service; Sermon on Hebrews 13:20, 21 *“The Everlasting Covenant”*, Part 2 by Pastor Mike

SUNDAY, July 15:

1:00 to 3:30 p.m. – Leadership Security Training at Chapel Oaks: Elders, Deacons, Deaconesses and other church leaders are encouraged to attend this seminar on de-escalation of potential violent threats.

WEDNESDAY, July 25, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Bobbie Barker Memorial service at Shawnee Mission Park. Shelter #6

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- To share our vision of Christ—a vision that finds its focus at Calvary
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- To reinforce the deep conviction that all doctrines, when properly understood, center on Him—the Way, the Truth, and the Life—and are extremely important
- To lead Adventist believers into a deeper relationship with Christ through a study of the Bible
- To assist those who are interested in knowing why we believe what we believe
- To recognize that Christ-centered doctrine performs three obvious functions:
 - It edifies the church
 - It preserves the truth
 - It communicates the gospel in all its richness

What this book is not

- It is not to serve as a creed—a statement of beliefs set in theological concrete. Adventists have but one creed: “The Bible, and the Bible alone” (Ellen G. White, *Selected Messages*, bk. 1, p. 416).
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Powell, Kara. Growing Young: Six Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church (pp. 129-130). Baker Publishing Group.

Toys for Homeless Children

Julia Rockufeler is collecting new and gently-used toys to give to the children who are living in the reStart homeless shelter. Please consider sharing items that you no longer use with these sweet boys and girls.





Discoveries in Daniel Seminar

Chapel Oaks: Tuesday Evenings 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Mike will lead a chapter by chapter study of the book of Daniel each Tuesday night. Our next study will be over Daniel chapter 8, part 2 on July 17.

Praying Together with H.O.P.E. (House Of Prayer Everywhere)

Join us for H.O.P.E. on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. when we spend several minutes studying the gospel of John before we pray.

“If the Saviour of men, with His divine strength, felt the need of prayer, how much more should feeble, sinful mortals feel the necessity of prayer—fervent, constant prayer! ...

He has given us evidence that prayer is essential in order to receive strength to contend with the powers of darkness, and to do the work allotted us. Our own strength is weakness, but that which God gives is mighty and will make everyone who obtains it more than conqueror.” --Testimonies to the Church p. 202, 203



Next Steps for Your Circle of 8 you are praying for:
Ask them if there is anything you can pray about for them.

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- Evangelism: 30%
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- Broken Arrow Ranch 5%
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