

“The Gift Of The Holy Spirit”
Deuteronomy 11: 8-12
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Loving God Coventally Requires The Circumcision Of Your Heart And Not Exclusively Your Flesh, (vs. 16)

To Enjoy God’s Covenant Requires A Change Of One’s Nature; Not Just Having The Identity, (vs. 18 – 25)

Grace... Gifting... Growth... Guarantee

Message Emphasis: There is a great misunderstanding of what it means to be God’s covenant people. Many believe that salvation is granted by some other means than the changed nature brought about by God’s gift of His Spirit. We must understand that to be in right standing with God requires His gift of regeneration which is a gift given by God and further testified by God’s people to those they encounter.

Aging as illness... the Bible honors age and promises long life to the faithful. However, it contemplates the fragility of life and the inevitability of death and emphasizes continuity between life before and after death, between deeds done or left undone and life hereafter. In Christianity, forsaking or dying to an old way of life and embracing or rising to a new are prominent, promising “salvation” – health – now and hereafter is a cornerstone teaching. Similarly, the “healthy” society, in which “justice roll[s] down like waters, and righteousness is like an everflowing stream” and peace and justice reign, stands in keeping with visions of a final, eschatological deliverance of both creation and creatures, an ultimate reconstitution of what is, with God and humanity reconciled, poverty and suffering banished, and all tears wiped away. ~~The Encyclopedia of Christianity

1) God Has Sworn To Preserve Those Who Bear The Fruit Of His Spirit, (vs. 18 – 21)

- God’s Holy Spirit produces material investment *God’s promises are not transferable between persons*
You shall therefore LAY (Perf) up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, *You must make real investments*
 - **Investment in your thoughts & actions (individual)** *Holiness as the basis of your gifts to others*
and you shall BIND (Perf) them as a sign *God’s mandates do not naturally occur, they must be imposed - openly*
 - An affirmation of Scripture in what you do – **on your hand,**
 - An affirmation of Scripture in how you think – **and they shall BE (Perf) as frontlets between your eyes.**
 - **Investments in your children (family)** *Because God’s promises are not transferable, they must be taught (your gift to your children)*
You shall TEACH (Perf) them to your children,
 - Instruction of Scripture in the home – **talking (Inf) of them when you are (Inf) sitting in your house,**
 - Instruction of Scripture in public interactions – **and when you are(Inf) walking by the way,**
 - Instruction of Scripture in personal discipline – **and when you lie (Inf) down, and when you rise (Inf).**
 - **Investments in your identity (public)** *You are to “gift” others with God’s nature in you*
 - The declaration of Scripture – **You shall WRITE (Perf) them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates,**

“Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.” (2 Peter 1:12-15, ESV)

- God’s Holy Spirit is the fruit of God’s activity (His gift) *The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the source of eternity*
that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the LORD SWORE (Perf) to your fathers to give (Inf) them,
 - **God’s promise to save His people never stops as long as the heavens are above the earth.** *Don’t trust in anything but the gifting of the Gospel*

2) The Gift of God’s Holy Spirit Is A Necessity For Life, (vs. 22 – 25)

For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I COMMAND (Act.Part)...

- The promise of the testimony of supernatural strength *Not worldly strength but Holy Spirit strength*
then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you.
- The promise of the testimony of Christ’s Kingdom *Success is Gospel success*
Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours. Your territory shall be from the wilderness to the Lebanon and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the western sea.
- The promise of the testimony of God’s identity *What do people see? Christ in you?*
No one shall be able to stand against you. The LORD your God will lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that you shall tread, as he promised you.

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; There are sweet expressions on each face, And I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove, Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived, When we shall leave this place.

*****How Do I Enter Into A Covenant Relationship With God? ****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ will you find the gift of the Holy Spirit leading to eternal life.

7. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God Regulative Teaching, (vs. 26 - 32)
8. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Ensures God's Gracious Fellowship With His People, (vs. 12: 1 - 7)

9. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Begins With Embracing Your God As The Entirety Of Your Life, (vs. 8 - 14)
10. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Requires A Change Of Focus In Worship; Not Just Keeping Rules, (vs. 15 - 19)
11. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God's Choice Of Holiness, (vs. 20 - 28)
12. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Ensures God's Active Purity Among His People, (vs. 29 - 32)

13. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Begins With Loving God Exclusively; Treating All Others With Impunity, (13: 1 - 5)
14. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Requires A Change Of Genuine Love; Not Just Tolerance, (vs. 6 - 11)
15. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Necessitates Acceptance Of God's Standard Of Purity, (vs. 12 - 18)
16. To Enjoy In God's Covenant Ensures God's Eternal Possession Of His People, (vs. 14: 1 - 2)