

#450 1J Kingdom: Walking Through the Kingdom The Kingdom And The New Covenant

In the same way that there can be no real Christianity without the New Covenant as our actual experience, there can certainly be no Kingdom as our actual experience without the New Covenant. God has included the provision for both the Christian Life and the Kingdom experience within the provision of the New Covenant. Without the New Covenant as an inner reality there can be no Kingdom as an inner reality. If there is no Kingdom as an inner reality there will only be an objective Kingdom that exists only as a concept or doctrine. Until there is a real Kingdom Government functioning within us we cannot preach or teach the Spirit and Life message of the Kingdom. That will **not** prevent us from preaching ABOUT the Kingdom as a scriptural truth.

The Eternal Kingdom Government with its Laws, Statutes and Ordinances is placed within us by the New Covenant reality as our personal experience. Therefore, the New Covenant experience MUST precede the functioning Kingdom Government within. The Kingdom seed coming to the harvest stage of maturity is just another Christian fantasy without ALL the provisions of the New Covenant as an inner Life experience working in conjunction with the Kingdom Government of God as the governing factor and motivation of our life.

For that reason this chapter will deal with The New Covenant and how it differs from the Old Covenant. We will try to correct some of the modern concepts concerning the New Covenant. Especially that the New Covenant IS the New Testament in the Bible. Since the prophets spoke about the New Covenant centuries before the New Covenant arrived on the day of the First Pentecost, it is necessary to gather together the various promises into one document. This will enable us to comprehend the magnitude of what God has provided for the New Covenant Christian.

We will try to present our thesis that the fulness of Pentecost can only be found in the full experience of the New Covenant as a personal experience. The New Covenant, the promise of the Father, and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom reality and Christianity as our Life are all linked together and we separate them to our own peril.

Before we show the verses about the New Covenant let us be perfectly clear there is no way to pass from Romans 7 to the Romans 8 experience without the New Covenant as an inner reality. There is no way to have any valid church ministry outside of being ministers of the New Covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit! There is no way to live the “normal Christian Life” without the New Covenant as an inner life experience. The inner anointing, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the New Covenant are all an intricate part of Christian Ministry. Christian Ministry is all part of the Normal Christian Life. Why? Every true believer is called to become a Kingdom of Priests after the Order of Melchizedek.

All those preachers who have been deceived into believing that the reality of the Holy Spirit and His total provision for the church passed away with the last Apostle have limited themselves to “ministering in the flesh” which means they are limited to the Letter of the scripture but fall short of the spirit of the scripture.

The purpose of this chapter is to “re-Christianize the vision of ministry” by focusing upon the New Covenant and the Kingdom Government of God as present reality.

For that reason I will assemble some of the elements of the New Covenant into one chapter to add to the reality of my thesis. We should combine these various provisions to see the power of the New Covenant. I will assume that everyone knows that the New Covenant is one of the “absolutes” in the Bible. That means that the New Covenant is essential and nothing can or will take its place in the Christian Life. There can be NO modification or adjustment or revising the provision of the New Covenant. Why? Because this was wholly made by God and man was never asked to approve it. There can be NO negotiation with God over what you accept and what you reject. This Covenant was made wholly from God’s side and man can either accept it or reject it but he cannot change it. It is within the provision of the New Covenant when God said “Then they will be My people, and I shall be their God.” We should be very careful about teaching some kind of “salvation” outside the New Covenant!

Jer 31:31 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD.

Jer 31:33 “But **this is the covenant which I will make** with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “**I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.** 34 **“And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’** for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD , “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

1John 2:27 And as for you, the anointing which you received from **Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things,** and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

Eze 36:26 “Moreover, **I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you;** and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 “**And I will put My Spirit within you** and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

Eze 11:19 “And I shall give them one heart, and **shall put a new spirit within them.** And I shall take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, 20 **that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances, and do them.** Then they will be My people, and I shall be their God.

Heb 8:6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as **He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.** 7 For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second. 8 For finding fault with them, He says, “BEHOLD, DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL EFFECT **A NEW COVENANT** WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH; 9 NOT LIKE THE COVENANT WHICH I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS ON THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE

HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT; FOR THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT, AND I DID NOT CARE FOR THEM, SAYS THE LORD.

Heb 8:10 “FOR **THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE** WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MINDS, AND I WILL WRITE THEM UPON THEIR HEARTS. AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. 11 “AND THEY SHALL NOT TEACH EVERYONE HIS FELLOW CITIZEN, AND EVERYONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, ‘KNOW THE LORD,’ FOR ALL SHALL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST OF THEM. 12 “FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR INIQUITIES, AND I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE.” 13 When He said, “A new *covenant*,” He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

Heb 10:15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, 16 **“THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS,** SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND UPON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM,” *He then says*, 17 “AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE.”

1Cor 11:25 In the same way *He took* the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is **the new covenant in My blood;** do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me.” 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Heb 9:15 And for this reason **He is the mediator of a new covenant,** in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Heb 12:22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, 24 and **to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant,** and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than *the blood* of Abel.

Isa 59:20 “And a Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob,” declares the LORD. 21 “And as for Me, **this is My covenant with them,**” says the LORD: **“My Spirit which is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your offspring, nor from the mouth of your offspring’s offspring,”** says the LORD, **“from now and forever.”**

The common mistake today is to teach that if you have received Jesus as your personal Savior

you are automatically a New Covenant believer and part of the Kingdom of God. That implies that all the provision mentioned in the New Covenant is your actual experience and it all happens in that one moment in time when you said yes to Jesus. Then we should ask if every believer has the same Spirit upon them that was upon the Redeemer? Does every believer have the same Word in his mouth that was in the mouth of the Redeemer? Does every believer that has “accepted Jesus as personal Savior” have both the “new Spirit” and the “Holy Spirit” and is every believer being caused to walk in His ways and to keep His statutes and Ordinances and do them?

Mat 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven; but **he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven.**”

Is it essential for every believer to “do the will of God” before they can enter the Kingdom of God or is “doing the will of God” optional as some teach? Does believing in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior excuse from doing the will of God? No! Does believing something about Jesus eliminate our need to be born of the Water and the Spirit? If we ignore the New Covenant and the Kingdom of God many will tell us “only believe” is sufficient!

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” 4 Nicodemus *said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.** 6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Just from this one scripture is it even reasonable to think that every believer in Jesus has entered the Kingdom of God? Of course some will insist that “seeing” is the same as “entering” and being born of the water and being born of the Spirit is the same as being born again.

John 3:7 “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 “The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; **so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.**”

The literal translation of this scripture is much clearer as it applies to the New Covenant.

John 3:7 “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 “The Spirit moves where He wishes and you hear the voice of Him, but do not know where He comes from or where He is going; **so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.**”

This is referring to the Holy Spirit who comes as part of the New Covenant. John chapters 14,15 and 16 is also part of the New Covenant provision. Is this evidence present in every believer who has “accepted Jesus as personal Savior?” Of course not!

Has every believer in Jesus had the old heart of stone removed and have they automatically received a new heart of flesh? Has every believer in Jesus had the Laws of God written upon the new heart and these Laws put into their renewed mind? What do these laws entail? Are these Laws of the New Covenant the same as the Laws of the Kingdom? Are these part of the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus that sets us free from the law of sin and death? Has ALL Law

been done away with or has just the old laws of the Old Covenant been done away with because they couldn't bring to perfection? If there is no Law now because of grace, what does He put in our mind and write upon our heart? If there is no Law how is He causing us to walk in his ways so we are careful to keep His statutes and ordinances and do them. Has the New Covenant been enacted to bring the church to perfection or is full growth and maturity unnecessary because "We are already saved and only by grace?"

It is my intention to begin to expose many of these myths that are preached in the visible church that has led to this casual "Christianity," lukewarmness and lawlessness. Why has this Nicolaitan spirit invaded the "ministry" and produced the counterfeit authority and forced the submission of the "laity" into a sub-Christian life that we saw in the shepherding movement?

Why has the "hierarchy" in the visible church so boldly taken the position that God has only been Divinely assigned to the Head? Why has the "ministry" set themselves up as mediator between God and man when the scriptures tell us that there is ONLY one mediator between God and man; the man, Christ Jesus? Why has the "divided priesthood" of laity and professional ministry been so universally accepted when the Bible is very clear about the Head and body as God's only plan?

In the last 25 years the self appointed Apostles and Prophets and many Pastors have nearly emasculated the church from its effective position as the body of Christ. We should ask why has the recognized ministries in the US reverted to politics to try to restore the church to power within the nation?

It is my thesis that unless the New Covenant is an actual and living experience we will fall into many carnal errors and lead the church into something far less than New Covenant Christianity! In many places we meet people in the visible church that are in a pre-Christian experience and do not know it. Some of these are Pastors and leaders in the visible church.

Therefore, let us determine what the New Covenant IS and is NOT so we can then focus upon what the New Covenant is from God's viewpoint!

- (1) It is nothing like the Old Covenant!
- (2) It is a completely new experience!
- (3) It is not a new document!
- (4) It is not the New Testament!
- (5) It is not the Bible!
- (6) It is not an outward agreement with man!
- (7) It is 100% within the New Covenant believer!
- (8) It is designed to bring the church to perfection!
- (9) It is the provision for the Kingdom of God coming to the believer as experience
- (10) It is the provision for the Priesthood after the order of Melchizedek
- (11) It is Spirit Not Letter.
- (12) It provides the new Laws for the new inner man to live by!

- (13) It is how we receive the promise of the Eternal Inheritance!
- (14) **it is the basis of the “ministry of the Spirit.”**
- (15) It is the covenant that God swore to Abraham to bless all nations!
- (16) It is the provision to escape from the natural realm so we can serve God in the Spirit!
- (17) It permits a new Spiritual Growth of the new inner man!
- (18) It permits us to escape the limitations of the physical senses!
- (19) It is the empowerment to ascend Mount Zion!
- (20) It is the provision to Escape from our connection to first Adam!
- (21) It is the provision for the New Species called “Christian” to fulfill God’s Purpose!
- (22) It permits us to “see” into the eternal realms.
- (23) It is our access through the Veil.
- (24) It enables us to walk in His ways so at last we may please Him!
- (25) It enables us to be completely taught by God!
- (26) It enables us to become “ministers of the Spirit.”
- (27) It enables us to remove the veil to the deeper things of God!
- (28) It is about the Author of the Book Coming to dwell in us!
- (29) It is NOT about the natural man reading the Book.
- (30) It is about the indwelling Teacher revealing the mysteries in the Book!
- (31) It frees us so we no longer have to preach Jesus after the flesh.
- (32) It permits us to Build rather than be caretakers to a pile of bricks.
- (33) It is the provision to recognize the real treasure!
- (34) It open up the invisible realms.
- (35) It is NOT a “re-stated” old covenant to which grace has been added.
- (36) It does not simply move our meetings from Saturday to Sunday!
- (37) The New Covenant is not designed to work in the Old Covenant person.
- (38) The New Covenant only works in the New Covenant person!
- (39) The New Covenant demands but then imparts!
- (40) The Old Covenant demands but has nothing to impart.
- (41) The Old Covenant is Letter while the New Covenant is Spirit.
- (42) The Old Covenant has no power to transform us into Christians.

- (43) The Old Covenant kills but the New Covenant gives Life.
- (44) The New Covenant is NOT Matthew 5-6 & 7 but permits us to live that way!
- (45) The New Covenant Cannot be effective in an Old Covenant experience!
- (46) The Old Covenant CANNOT make Sons of God or Sons of the High Priest.
- (47) The New Covenant promises do NOT apply to the Old Covenant person.
- (48) The Old Covenant = Natural realm, flesh, letter, law and human effort.
- (49) The New Covenant ONLY applies to the Spirit realm.
- (50) The “VEIL” cannot be removed within the Old Covenant provision!

It is obvious that these things only identify just a little of the total provision of the New Covenant that at last solves the limitations of the Old Covenant in God’s people. For example; There was no promise of resurrection under the Old Covenant but the Old Covenant saints were forced to wait until the New Covenant came for them to be resurrected. The Heaven that is now present was not open until the New Covenant came into power.

The New Covenant is NOT written down for us on parchment, on scrolls, on stone or in the Bible. In these 50 things that we read in the preceding Bible verses we found that God said He would make a New Covenant and it would be nothing like the Old Covenant and we saw some of the provision contained in the New Covenant. However, what we read is NOT the New Covenant as an inner Life Experience but just the announcement of the New Covenant. We can quote the announcement without ever having experienced the provision.

On the highway leading to our city there is a sign that says New Philadelphia. The “sign” is NOT New Philadelphia but simply points toward the city. If we camp at the “sign” we will still be outside the city.

This “difference” explains why many people can go to church for many years and never become New Covenant Christians. This explains why many “ministers” can quote the scriptures but never actually experience the scriptures that they quote.

For example; One of the provisions is “And I will cause them to walk in My ways and they will be careful to keep My statutes and ordinances and do them.” Now, if I can quote that provision but God cannot cause me to walk in His ways or I don’t obey His inner statutes and ordinances, am I a New Covenant Christian anyway because of what I believe? This is a very simple thing but this “difference” defines the problem with modern day Christianity. This is very basic but extremely important so I will give another example.

Rom 8:14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

This is part of the provision of the New Covenant but if we are NOT being led by the Spirit of God does that still qualify us to be the sons of God anyway because of what we believe?

Rom 8:5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

It we have our mind set on the flesh as our normal experience can we still qualify as being led by

the Spirit simply because we believe something about Jesus?

Rom 8:15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a **spirit of adoption** as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Suppose we can quote the verse about crying out, Abba, Father but the Holy Spirit does NOT confirm that we are children of God?

In order to emphasize this point concerning the actual experience of the New Covenant as our inner Life let us follow the example of modern evangelism.

The Evangelists stands up to preach and win souls by his gospel. He uses the scriptures as the basis for his message.

- (1) Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Do you believe that you are a sinner? The Bible says you are! Will you confess you are a sinner? Yes, I guess I am but I am a good person!

- (2) Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, that no one should boast.

Well, the Bible says your works will never save you. So you are lost! Do you believe that? Yes, I guess I am.

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

Here it says that you can have eternal life if you believe. Do you believe? Yes!

- (4) Mar 11:22 And Jesus *answered saying to them, “Have faith in God. 23 “Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be taken up and cast into the sea,’ **and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it shall be granted him.**

Now don’t doubt in your heart but just believe you will be saved and you have it!

- (5) Rom 10:9 that if **you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord**, and believe in your heart that **God raised Him from the dead**, you **shall be saved**; 10 for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, **resulting in salvation.**

Now this IS the Word of God and if you just tell someone you are saved then you are saved. So now don’t let ANYONE tell you that you are not saved. If they do just **show them this verse.**

Now suppose we “minister” all this Bible truth but the person still has no inner confirmation that they are “saved?” Well, we must continually show them these verses until they really believe! We will tell them they are saved by faith not by sight!

The question is this; After all that “ministry” are they really New Covenant believers? What if we just “ministered” the Holy Spirit and when they received Him they would have an inner

witness that they are children of God and something within them will cry out Abba, Father?

Isn't this what happened to Cornelius and his household? But what if they didn't receive the Holy Spirit, how could we get them "saved." Of course we couldn't unless the Father was drawing them and the Holy Spirit was convicting them.

But can that be really effective? If we waited on God to do something first wouldn't that severely limit our mass evangelism? Yes it would! However, the ones that repented and turned and received the Spirit of Christ (new Spirit) and the Holy Spirit (My Spirit) would all be New Covenant believers. These would know they were children of God, the Holy Spirit could lead them and each would have an inner witness and could cry out Abba, Father! Soon the inner anointing that abides in them would begin to teach them all things. The Spirit of Truth would lead them into all truth and they would NOT need someone to continually teach them because they would be taught of God. Very soon they would no longer be babes but they soon would all become teachers. When the New Covenant becomes our actual experience we would not have to continually revert back to teaching the first principles of the doctrine of Christ and be forced to continually give milk instead of solid food.

If the New Covenant was our actual experience the visible church would soon become the Lampstand Church and we could receive and submit to severe discipline and correction that we might share His holiness. Soon the third veil would no longer hide the fulness of Christ or the ultimate purpose of God and the mysteries would be revealed through the church.

The sad fact is this; I have traveled and preached in churches in many parts of the world and I have witnessed many church people who have experienced very little of the New Covenant and most have never been taught what was supposed to happen when they "got saved." I recently heard of an evangelist that went to India and won at least one million souls to the Lord! If we went to India and found these people how many New Covenant Christians would we find?

Paul was very specific when he said he was a minister of the New Covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. He also spent years preaching the Kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus! I am assuming the Kingdom and the New Covenant is one message that is called "the Gospel."

The question I am posing is this; Can we preach the letter of scripture and expect to get spiritual results?

2Cor 3:2 You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; 3 being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts. 4 And such confidence we have through Christ toward God. 5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as *coming* from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, 6 who also made us adequate *as* servants of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Phillips Translation is even more clear.

`You are an open letter about Christ which we ourselves have written, not with pen and ink but with the Spirit of the living God. Our message has been engraved not on stone, but in living men and women. We dare say such things because of the confidence we have in God through Christ. Not that we are in any way

confident of our own resources— our ability comes from God. It is He who makes us competent administrators of the new agreement, and we deal not in the letter but in the Spirit. The letter of the Law leads to the death of the soul; the Spirit of God alone can give life to the soul.

The King James say it this way.

Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

The New Covenant believers are “an epistle of Christ” or Phillips says “an open letter.” We may think he said “You have the “epistle of Christ” in your hand and it is written in the Bible. If you carry your Bible with you, you can read it to unsaved souls and get them “saved.” Of course we know the early church had no Bibles to carry with them.

Paul said in effect; “I was just the fellow who held the pen while God was doing the writing. Our confidence is not in the one who held the pen but in God who did the writing with the Holy Spirit who is the ink. In the New Covenant the believers are walking Bibles with the gospel written in the inner man (by the Holy Spirit) so the Gospel can be known and read by all men. This “Bible” doesn’t need to be translated into thousands of languages because all men can see this eternal Truth manifested in the New Covenant believers.”

It is clear that men can build visible churches and not even be aware that there is a New Covenant or what that means. However, it is also clear that there can be NO Lampstand Church without the experience of the New Covenant. There can be NO New Covenant ministry until the “ministers” become New Covenant Priests after the Order of Melchizedek.

Therefore, we shall coin a new term; The Kingdom of the New Covenant or the New Covenant Kingdom. These two terms- the Kingdom and the New Covenant- are interchangeable. However, there has always been the Kingdom of Heaven but the Current Kingdom of God needed a New Covenant to make the Kingdom a Living Epistle known and read by all men in the earth dimension.

2Cor 4:3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

If the New Covenant Kingdom (the Gospel) is VEILED it is veiled to those who are perishing. However, we, the Lampstand Church, are Epistles of the New Covenant Kingdom, read and known by all men, even those who are perishing!

2Cor 2:15 For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are **being saved** and among **those who are perishing**;

2Cor 4:7 But we have **this treasure in earthen vessels**, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and **not from ourselves**;

Even in John 7 when Jesus was teaching about the Feast of Tabernacles He was sharing something about the New Covenant.

John 7:37-39 Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, **'From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.'**" **But this He spoke of the Spirit,** whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

If we have actually experienced the provision of the New Covenant this "river of living waters" would be flowing out from the new inner man. If we asked "Thirst for what" we would get a variety of answers because He didn't explain what that means. However, if we knew He was sharing about the Feast of Tabernacles we may conclude He was speaking about what would happen after He was glorified. The Holy Spirit would come to dwell within and the New Covenant in His blood would be realized as an inner life experience!

Then does that include everyone who believes in Jesus? Or, should there also be a manifestation of the "rivers of living waters" and the New Covenant Kingdom manifested as a living Epistle known and read by all men. In other words some doctrine about living waters without the experience of living waters is still just a metaphor. Some doctrine about the New Covenant without the experience and manifestation of the New covenant it is still just another metaphor and NOT an epistle which can be known and read by all men.

It appears from the modern gospel that Jesus said, "He that believes in Me shall have correct doctrine and an abundance of all the things he wants." The question is this; Do we have correct doctrine or rivers of living water? Some "ministers" would much prefer correct doctrine because the rivers will make a big problem in our church.

Luke 24:49 "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Acts 1:4 And gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," *He said*, "you heard of from Me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 2:38 And Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."

My theory is this; the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit as a personal experience is included in the Promise of the New Covenant and we should interpret the New Covenant as the full promise of the Father. Trying to manifest the Power without the provision and discipline of the New Covenant Kingdom experience will reveal "ministry gifts" that lack power! In other words the Baptism of the Holy Spirit should be a Baptism into the New Covenant Kingdom Government of which the Holy Spirit is the representative of the Father and the Son. However,

the New Covenant includes both the New Spirit (the Spirit of Christ; the Living Word of God) and His Spirit (the Holy Spirit) and all the Kingdom Laws. By these God teaches us all things and causes us to walk in the ways of God. The “TEACHERS”, who are the Spirit of Christ, the living and abiding Word of God and the Holy Spirit, will teach us to know Him along with “ALL things” so we don’t need men to teach us. (I will send another teacher means there will be more than one) My theory is that this is the “normal Christian Life.” Anything less than this is NOT New Covenant Christianity. Even though something less than this is normal and acceptable in the visible church, it cannot be normal in the Lampstand Church or in the Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek.

In the next document we will present more facts about the New Covenant and its essential nature to bring the church to perfection through the ministry of the Spirit.