

#450 1L Walking through the Kingdom: The Kingdom and the Covenant - Part 3

The New Covenant And The Problems Created By Conceptual Christianity

After writing over 500 documents on the church and Christian life; after writing over 400 documents on the Kingdom of God; after preaching thousands of “messages” on various topics in many parts of the world, I have often wondered why the lives of so few people have been affected. It is not that so few people have accepted the message or so many have rejected the concepts that were presented. However, it is now my opinion that concepts are not revelation or even spiritual and do very little in developing the Christian Life. Only preaching Spirit and Life can be considered as effective ministry! To actually feed the new inner man requires a unique food that is ONLY found in Christ.

Therefore, when I write about the Kingdom, the best that I can accomplish is to convey my “conception” of the Kingdom that I derived from scripture. When someone reads my “conception” of the Kingdom they in turn can convey their conception of “my conception” of the Kingdom. After two transitions the “conception” of the Kingdom has very little resemblance to the actual Kingdom government of God as a personal experience. It is for that reason that each person must have a genuine Kingdom Government on the inside in order to be qualified to “Preach the Kingdom” as Spirit and Life. In other words my writing about the Kingdom can do more harm than good. Why? Because some will read and share what I write but will not bother to get their own Kingdom Experience. Those who just minister my conception of the Kingdom will, at very best, just be ministering “letter” with no Spirit! This kind of ministry is now epidemic in the visible church.

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.

This is precisely why ALL ministry must begin following a full New Covenant experience. Those who have never had a genuine experience of having God burn His Laws into our heart and mind [with His finger like the 10 commandments] can still preach many conceptual messages about the Kingdom that are neither Spirit or Life but just more “letter” that kills. We then call that “ministry.”

We know that the very reason Jesus came was to announce and preach the Kingdom of God. Paul went about everywhere preaching about the Kingdom of God and teaching truth about the name of Jesus. Is not this, then, the very gospel we are supposed to preach? Yes, it is!

Luke 4:43 But He said to them, “I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose.”

Jesus said He was sent for this very reason; to preach the Kingdom of God! His calling was to preach the Kingdom but He had to die and provide reconciliation in order to establish the Kingdom in the lives of the saints, experientially! This is why the Gospel of the Kingdom MUST include both the Name of Jesus and work of Jesus Christ in bringing redemption AND the Kingdom Government of God as an inner life experience.

Act 28:23 And when they had set a day for him, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about **the kingdom of God, and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus,** from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening.

Act 28:30 And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters, and was welcoming all who came to him, 31 **preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.**

Act 20:25 “And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom **I went about preaching the kingdom,** will see my face no more. 26 **“Therefore I testify to you this day, that I am innocent of the blood of all men.** 27 **“For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.**

Act 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the **good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ,** they were being baptized, men and women alike.

There can be no doubt that the real “gospel” is the Gospel of the Kingdom and the Name and work of Jesus Christ in establishing redemption and the enactment of the New Covenant in His blood. Because Paul was faithful to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom and the name of Jesus he testified that **he was innocent of their blood.** What can we discern about all the preachers today who refuse to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom and **to declare the whole purpose of God?**

Then what is the difference between us preaching the Kingdom and Jesus or Paul or Philip preaching the kingdom in an effective ministry? There is no question they had the Kingdom Government and God’s Laws as an inner reality. I started preaching the Kingdom as public ministry in conferences 1986. I studied and wrote about the “Kingdom” for 10 years before that. I can testify that very little was accomplished by my ministry! Why? I never connected the Kingdom Government of God as personal reality with the actual experience of the New Covenant until recently. Until His Laws are an inner reality, the Kingdom is just another doctrine or concept that we preach.

But what if we are faithful to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom and the Name of Jesus but lives don’t seem to change? In other words; Our “ministry” is ineffective and people are not growing up in all things into Christ! Then either we are wrong or our ministry is of the wrong kind. After nearly 40 years of preaching I have come to the conclusion that the “kind” of ministry I used was not effective. Teaching the outer man (Adam, the natural man) the things of God has produced nothing eternal because first Adam (the natural man) is not eternal within God’s Eternal Purpose. He is merely of the earth and earthly. He can receive nothing of the Spirit of God even if I could preach in that dimension of Spirit and Life.

This is the challenge we are faced with today. Why? Because “growth” is not about learning doctrines or believing the concepts we preach. Growth can only be determined by a “changed life.” Growth = Change! No Change = No Growth! This “Change” must ultimately “convert” us from the outer man to the new inner man. There are many people who have been faithful to attend the meetings and listen to the “messages” for dozens of years but have not grown at all. Why? The transformation inherent within the New Covenant has been neglected as the basis of all Christian Life.

There is an epidemic today of preachers answering questions that no one is asking but unable to answer the real questions that people are demanding. Everywhere I go someone will say “Can I

ask a question? We have no one here who has time to answer our questions.” The questions I am asked often revolves around these things; “Why am I not Growing?” “I have the same problems today that I had 10 years ago.” “I have the same spontaneous anger in me now that I had before I was born again.” “I have no discipline in my life and I am just going through the routine of attending meetings.” “I have no idea what the will of God is for my life or how to fulfill His eternal purpose for me.” “ In 20 years of going to church my life has changed very little.” “I am still not hearing His voice so how can I obey and actually do His will?” “Do you think I am really saved?” “I feel like I have wasted my life struggling with the natural man!” “I know a lot of doctrine but I feel my life within is empty.” “My outward Christianity is not helping me know God or be conformed to the image of Jesus.”

Brethren, is this the best that we can expect from the Christian Ministry and the Christian Life? Is there some remote or hidden experience that is essential for each of us to have before the Kingdom Government of God is effective to convert us to a functioning, governmental Christian Life? The last two documents I wrote focus upon the New Covenant as an essential inner life experience BEFORE we can live the Christian Life. The fact that the New Covenant and its provision for the Christian Life has been largely ignored by the visible church could be presented as the reason for the pitiful condition of the church. A few of the essential provisions included in the New Covenant are these;

- (1) I will remove the heart of stone.
- (2) I will give you a heart of flesh.
- (3) I will put a **new** Spirit within you.
- (4) I will put **MY** Spirit in you.
- (5) I will cause you to walk in My way.
- (6) You will be careful to keep My statutes and ordinances and do them.
- (7) I will forgive you sin and your iniquity I will remember no more.
- (8) I will put My Laws in your mind!
- (9) I will write My Laws upon your heart.
- (10) Then I will be your God and you will be My people.
- (11) You will no longer need men to teach you to Know The Lord.
- (12) All shall know me and ALL shall be taught by God.

These are just some of the provisions of the New Covenant that is available to us as “experiential Life.” My opinion is this; If any of these provisions are not experiential in us then it will be impossible for us preach the Kingdom / Christian Message effectively or to live the Christian Life as God has designed it for us. If we cannot Live the Christian Life as God designed it, the visible church will still be in this pitiful condition after another 10 years. Why? If the visible church has changed so little in that last 500 years why would we think it will change now if we start a new program or preach another message or write another book?

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However, I have been preaching, teaching and including the New Covenant in hundreds of messages in many countries for the last 40 years but without many identifiable results. For that reason I am guessing there must be another reason for my failed attempt at ministry and the ineffectiveness of what “I thought was ministry.” It would be easy to blame the casual attitude of the visible church and its lukewarm condition as the reason for my failure. I could site scriptures like I wanted to give you meat to eat but you are still babes that can only handle milk. I have been in conferences when “ministers” rebuked the congregation by saying these things about milk and meat. However, in fellow shipping later I discovered they had no idea what meat was. However, even with this ignorance in the “ministry” , I can assume that the fault is wholly with the church and I am guilty of the blood of no one even though I have no idea what the ministry of the New Covenant is all about! Justifying this ignorance as acceptable only works if we ignore the demands of Ephesians 4:9 -13.

Eph 4:9 (Now this *expression*, “He ascended,” what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) 11 **And He gave some as** apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.

The responsibility for the equipping, the growth and the perfection of the saints has been placed upon the “five fold ministries” that Christ, Himself, has set in the church. Therefore, if I am so bold to say that He, Himself, has set me in this “five fold ministry” then I must also bear the **responsibility for the perfection of the saints**. Then, the “perfection of the saints” is my job description and the evidence of my effectiveness in ministry! I cannot blame the immaturity of the saints on their lukewarm condition as an excuse for the ineffectiveness of my ministry. The casual condition of the visible church must be placed fully upon the ineffectiveness of the ministries to establish the believers in the Christian Life.

My thesis is this; the ineffectiveness of the ministries can be traced back to the lack of the actual experience of the New Covenant as our primary beginning. Multitudes have “accepted Jesus as their personal Savior” but have never experienced any of the provisions of the New Covenant. There may obviously be other reasons for the pitiful condition of the visible church but this neglect of experiencing the New Covenant is the basic failure of “ministry” in the visible church. Laying this foundation is the first work of the “ministry” and connects us to effective evangelism. “Evangelism” outside of the New Covenant may look good but produces very little.

Some will ask; “If God said He would do all these things to establish the New Covenant as experiential Life, why hasn’t He done it in the visible church?” The logical reason is because the saints have no idea these provisions are available or that God is waiting for us to inform the saints that they need something in addition to receiving Jesus as personal Savior. Each “saint” must to do business directly with God and actually experience the New Covenant as life instead of just another doctrine of the church. Our outward ministry is also limited to basic Outer Court

things. We may plant and water but ONLY God causes the growth. Therefore, each believer is required by God to seek HIM for their ultimate rectification. If the ministry cannot bring the saints to God in full consecration so He can impart eternal things, the ministry is a failure!

2 cor 6:16---- for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, **I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God**, and they shall be my people.

This IS the New Covenant provision and the very reason the New Covenant Christian Church will be able to come to perfection, fulfill the eternal purpose of God and bring joy to His heart.

When we set ourselves up as mediators between the saints and God we have already overstepped our “ministry.” Attempting to usurp the ultimate authority of the man, Christ Jesus, as the ONLY mediator between God and mankind has ruined many ministries and made them ineffective. The “ministries” are not held responsible for the saints if the saints refuse to seek God for the provision of the New Covenant but the ministries will be held responsible to tell them what they need to do to become New Covenant Christians. The ministries will be held responsible to personally experience all the provisions of the New Covenant as inner life reality themselves to cause their ministry to become effective.

My theory is this; There is a big difference between believing something about Jesus and becoming New Covenant Christians who are growing up in all things into Christ.

Acts 20: 26 Therefore I testify to you this day, that **I am innocent of the blood** of all men. 27 **“For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.”**

There are thousands of preachers out there each week preaching nice encouraging messages but NOT warning the church about the New Covenant or declaring to the church the whole purpose of God. Does that mean that the blood of these uninformed, casual and lukewarm saints will be assigned to these ineffective “good news” preachers? My theory is this; Becoming experiential New Covenant Christians is the minimum requirement to fulfill the eternal purpose of God. It is also the minimum requirement to become part of the Lampstand Church, the one He is building! It is also the minimum requirement to become part of the New Covenant Priesthood after the order of Melchizedek. It is also the minimum requirement to becoming part of the bride company of perfected saints. Becoming New Covenant Christians is the minimum requirement for entering and participating in the Kingdom Government of God. Each of the Kingdom births of John 3 is the result of the New Covenant becoming experiential. Born again, born of water, born of the Spirit is ALL within the New Covenant. Even being birthed into Zion is ONLY within the New Covenant provision.

My theme is “The New Covenant and the Problems Created by Conceptual Christianity.” Have we all been clearly informed that “I will live in them and walk in them is real Christianity?” Have we accepted this as doctrine or as Life? This “indwelling Presence” is the unique difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. In the Old Covenant the Holy Spirit was upon them or among them but **not in them**. The Spirit of Christ was IN the Old Covenant Prophets!

Those of us who are still trying to contact our God who is far off someplace or hear Him speak to us in our natural ears (and even that from a distance) should understand which Covenant we are walking in. If our God is far off and we cannot contact Him because the ceiling is brass and

our prayers bounce back at us then we must still be living in the Old Covenant.

If we are still dependent upon some man to teach us it should be obvious that we are not participating in the New Covenant. If God is not living within us and causing us to walk in His ways and causing us to live within His Governmental Laws we must still be living in the Old Covenant! If we are always asking God to give us the New Covenant blessing it must mean we are outside looking in. Those who are living experientially in the New Covenant are living within the New Covenant blessings. Trying to get God to send the blessing out to you is not God's eternal plan. His plan is for us to come to where the blessing are. Entering His Presence is NOT an external experience but an internal reality! It is IN the Inner Man where God has established His New Covenant Sanctuary or Tabernacle. Entering into the Most Holy Place or into God's manifest Presence is NOT by going someplace but experiencing God who lives in us and walks in us! This is certainly normal IF, indeed, we are New Covenant Christians. If we are seeking teaching by some outward method we must still be Old Covenant believers or at least we have not yet become New Covenant believers. The priesthood after the order of Aaron was established to teach Israel the Law. In the Priesthood after the Order Of Melchizedek we shall ALL be taught by God.

John 6:44 "No one can come to Me, unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day. 45 "It is written in the prophets, '**AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.**' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

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.

All those who have refused to receive the Holy Spirit as inward reality do NOT have the anointing abiding in them. Therefore, they are NOT taught directly by God. However, many who speak in tongues assume they have the anointing but if God is NOT teaching them they have no evidence of this New Covenant provision.

It is my opinion that because the church is ignorant of these simple first principles, the church is experientially in a fallen, lukewarm state and attempting to function outside the New Covenant reality. This fact accounts for the casual Christianity that we see everywhere. My theory is this; the church system that we have inherited from Constantine functions by keeping the believers ignorant of the New Covenant and by that ignorance promotes and sustains their own "leadership" importance in the church. They keep the church dependent upon themselves to teach, guide and reveal truth to the believers. This "ministry" of leading into all truth was assigned to the Holy Spirit.

AFTER the believers have received the New Spirit (the spirit of Christ) and the Holy Spirit and experience the Laws of God (the Laws of the Kingdom) in their mind and heart and God is living in them teaching them all things and causing them to walk in His ways, why would we then still be dependent upon some pulpit ministry? It is my opinion that the church system we inherited keeps the believers in the Old Covenant system of a carnal priesthood after the order of Aaron that needs to continually teach us eternal things. A clear reading of the Book of Hebrews will surely reveal the worthlessness of that ministry and an assurance that this carnal priesthood will

never bring the church to perfection.

The Old Covenant had an earthly sanctuary. Heb 9:1 Now even the first covenant had regulations of divine worship and the **earthly sanctuary**.

Eph 2:6 and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in **the heavenly places**, in Christ Jesus,

The New Covenant has a **heavenly sanctuary**. In the current church system we still visit the **earthly sanctuary** and call that going to church. However, because the “heavenly sanctuary” is not visible and not of this earthly realm we assume it doesn’t exist. The new inner man, the new creation, the new species, is the heavenly sanctuary. But then why is it not somewhere far above this earth? Because, that is the concept that has been told to us by carnal, earth bound ministers. The Holy Place in the Tabernacle of God is here but in another realm. This is in the “sanctuary realm.” The Kingdom is here but in another realm. When we lay aside this tent we move to another realm. This is called the heavenly realm but it is not on another planet. The Holy Place in the Tabernacle of Moses was of another dimension from the Outer Court but in the same location, within the same walls, but of another dimension. This dimension could only be entered through the second veil that was **NOT** torn.

If the God of the New Covenant dwells in us and walks in us and He dwells in the Sanctuary and we have become the Temple of the Living God then the Sanctuary is here but in another realm. It is NOT of the dirt realm. This is too difficult for the natural man to comprehend because he must see it, touch it, smell it, taste it before he will accept it.

IF the New Covenant is an Inner Covenant directed toward the New Man, it will reveal that the seven Spirits of God are God’s agent to reveal the things of Jesus to us and to carry out His eternal purpose in us. It is the fulness of the Spirit that takes the things of God and teaches them to us. He leads us into ALL truth. It is then clear that the focus of every valid New Covenant Ministry is the development of the believers to enter into the Holy Place and become part of the Priesthood after the Order of Melchizedek. This conclusion is just obvious as we examine the Tabernacle of Moses. The lack of this advancement among believers is obviously lacking in the Pentecostal Church even if they have received the “in part, down payment” measure of the Spirit.

Always keeping the believers in the basic foundations of the Outer Court or the “first principles” year after year must be VERY frustrating to the Father of Lights because his “ministers” are walking in darkness. Maybe, this “darkness” is just the natural light of the Outer Court which is “darkness” when we compare it with the illumination of the Seven Spirits of God and the Glory of God breaking through the Third Veil upon the Holy Place Life and ministry.

It seems important to address the reason this abomination is normal in the visible church. My theory is because the Ultimate Truth has become just another concept, tradition, principle, an abstract idea, an imagination or natural understanding, we try to minister that as “a message.” The ministry of the New Covenant minister **MUST** be Spirit and Life rather than **JUST** “WORDS” that convey the letter of the scripture. We think when we are ministering words from scripture we are ministering Spirit and Life when in reality we are just ministering death.

Making ministers of the New Covenant **must** become the very FIRST priority in making preparations for the next restoration. Making disciples who are ignorant on the New Covenant Life is just making more irrelevant disciples! Just giving ministers of the Old Covenant (letter and death) new titles and positions or calling them “apostles” will solve none of these problems.

We have pews full of “conceptual Christians” who know church doctrine but have not yet developed the Life and Spirit of the New Covenant. When these “Christians” then become “ministers” the problems escalate and spreading the ministry of death is the result. The root problem is having “conceptual ministers” that only “minister” concepts, systems, plans, programs, doctrines and an abstract theology. Many “minister” thoughts they received from the latest book they read. The New Covenant ministers must prove themselves by being “ministers” of Spirit and Life and no longer minister letter and death. We can only conclude that if the “ministry” is ministering facts and information or “letter” they must be Old Covenant ministers.

2Cor 3:5 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 ministers of a new covenant**, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2Cor 3:7 But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading *as* it was, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory? 9 For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory. 10 For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory because of the glory that surpasses *it*. 11 For **if that which fades away** *was* with glory, much more that which remains *is* in glory.

The ministry of the letter was designed by God to “fade away” and cease to exist. Why? Because that was the ministry of death! Still, today we send the natural man to Bible School and Seminary to train them how to minister letter. We train the carnal mind how to minister concepts, principles, facts, information, tradition and letter and then assign them a pulpit to minister death. We call that “having church.” Week after week we listen to a “letter message” and wonder why we are not growing. No “Spirit and life” is ministered so the inner man starves and eventually dies. The outward man hears a “message” and he is informed of something that is most likely irrelevant to the new inner man and the inner man receives nothing and suffers from the famine that is in the land.

Therefore, the natural man reading another one of these documents that I have written will just be a waste of time. Reading another book of concepts and opinions will not help us achieve the reality of the New Covenant. For that reason we must inspire people to stop reading irrelevant things and listening to irrelevant messages and start seeking God for each New Covenant experience as practical Life! Even if you read all 900 documents that I have written it will not help you grow or to fulfill God’s eternal purpose. You will be no closer to the Kingdom life and government as inner reality even if you memorize verses about the Kingdom! After you experience the New Covenant as inner reality and life, anything I can teach you will be irrelevant. Then only what God teaches you by the inner anointing will be relevant for eternity and for personally fulfilling God’s eternal purpose.

Does that mean I am going to stop writing? No! I must keep up this “ministry” until the New

Covenant is firmly established in our lives. Then , I never want to write another document for you again. Why? Because it will certainly interfere with what God is teaching you by the inner anointing. However, if you have NOT received the inner anointing my work of writing, informing, warning and revealing is not finished.

I am constantly asking myself if by writing this stuff if I am actually working with God or against God. There is a very fine line between informing good believers about God and His purpose and trying to stand in the place of God and usurping His desire to personally be their God and to teach His people by the inner anointing. "They shall all be taught by God" seems to be a very rare experience today. However, this IS normal within the New Covenant. The danger is that someone will take my concepts of the New Covenant and the Kingdom and then re-conceptualize what I have already conceptualized and turn into letter what God intended to be Spirit and Life. Always remember what is written here are just my concepts of reality and NOT your personal reality unless God personally has become your inner teacher. To become adequate as ministers of the New Covenant you must minister Spirit and Life and STOP ministering letter and death. If this was made a requirement to minister in the visible church most pulpits would be empty.