

You And the New Covenant

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2 CORINTHIANS 3:4-11

Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

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✎ My Passions in Ministry

People: People are important and I desire to make people know they are important! Every opportunity is valuable, whether, taking time to demonstrate by a single greeting or a more prolonged visit. Getting to know them and being

involved in their life wherever invited, especially when there is an open door for evangelism or to find application of God's Word.

Teaching: Making the scriptures clear and relevant is perhaps one of the most important matters I can be involved in.

✎ A little more about me

At an early age, God brought a very special person into my life, my wife Andrea. Through the years she has been at my side no matter what the situation calls for. A support in all things, she is truly my ministry partner. Andrea and I have been married since 1963 and we have three wonderful children; Tim and wife Rosemary, David and wife, Jennifer, and Danah. Along with four special grandchildren, Morgan, Mason, Paxton, and Jessica, they all bring great joy and blessing to our lives. I came to faith in Jesus as Savior at the age of 24. I attended both Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, TN and Dallas Bible College in Dallas, TX, completing my undergraduate at College of Biblical Studies in Houston, TX. I enjoy reading theological books and articles and working around the house, especially outside in the flower garden and time with my our two little toy Australian Shepard dogs, Sassie and Mellie.

① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read 2 Corinthians 3:4-11

- ⁴ And we have such trust through Christ toward God.
- ⁵ Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as *being* from ourselves, but our sufficiency *is* from God,
- ⁶ who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.
- ⁷ But if the ministry of death, written *and* engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which *glory* was passing away,
- ⁸ how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?
- ⁹ For if the ministry of condemnation *had* glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.
- ¹⁰ For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels.
- ¹¹ For if what is passing away *was* glorious, what remains *is* much more glorious.

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN?

1. To whom does *The New Covenant Apply*? Cf. Jer. 31:31

2. What are the provisions of *The New Covenant*? Cf. Jer. 31:33-34; 32:37-40

3. Has *The New Covenant* been fulfilled today?

4. In what sense then are we "servants" of a new covenant? (2 Cor. 3:6).

5. At what point was *The New Covenant* ratified.

6 What is our responsibility today? Cf. 2 Cor. 5:16-21.

Based on this passage, what two things do you appreciate more?

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does this MATTER to me?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW...

Write about how God wants you to FEEL...

Write about what God wants you to DO...

Sermon Notes
