

Purpose of the Covenant

Ephesians 2:1~3 And you hath he quickened, who were **dead in trespasses and sins**; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the **prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the **lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind**; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

*What does Paul impress upon us here? That formally we were dead in our life, as often stated; “dead men walking” because we had sins attached to us that were not covered, atoned for, taken away. We followed after the teachings of Satan in lust, the **prince of the power of the air**. Our character was that of desire for more, to fulfill our wants to satisfy our flesh and mind, to satisfy the self.*

Ephesians 2:4~10 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were **dead in sins**, hath quickened us together with Christ, And hath raised us up **together**, and made us sit together in heavenly places **in Christ** Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us **through Christ** Jesus. **For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:** Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

*We are made alive through Christ and partake of the heavenly blessing **through** Christ. All life is **through** Christ. And we will partake of those riches in the age to come **through** Christ. The grace, in which you are saved by, is a gift afforded us by Yah’s unmerited pardon. We are afforded this as we demonstrate **our faith** in Christ **through** our actions. All things come by means of something else. I work to gain money, I eat to gain nutrition, and so the principle is evident, all things come through an action.*

*The grace of Yah is granted to me “**by my faith**” shown in obedience to Yahshua. Not by works associated with the law contained in ordinances, as one earned by the act of his sacrifice to atone for his own sin. No... I obtain grace which is the unmerited pardon from Yah through my faith in Yahshua’s sacrifice for my sins.*

Ephesians 2:11~13 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past **Gentiles in the flesh**, who are called Uncircu God made us both Jew and gentilemcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; That at that time ye were without Christ, **being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel**, and **strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God** in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were **far off** are **made nigh by the blood of Christ**.

*Note that it tells us that we were without Christ, **being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel**, and **strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God**. We as gentiles, had no way to atone for our sins, and had no inheritance as those did of Israel. We were called strangers with no hope of eternal life without Yah.*

Ephesians 2:14~18 For he is our peace, **who hath made both one**, and hath broken down the middle **wall of partition between us**; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, **even the law of commandments contained in ordinances**; for to make in himself of **twain one new man**, so making peace; And that he might **reconcile both unto God** in one body by the cross, **having slain the enmity thereby**: And came and preached peace to you which were **afar off**, and to them that **were nigh**. For through him we **both** have **access by one Spirit unto the Father**.

*He has made us one, Jew and gentile, breaking the middle wall between us. He also abolished the law **contained in ordinances** that was a shadow of atonemade us Jew and gentilement of sin, which did not afford them the spirit of Yah. Now both, Jew and gentile can be **reconciled** unto Yah, and can receive His*

*guiding Spirit, through Christ. Prior to Yahshua's death only the Jews had the ability to have their sin covered from Yah, through sacrificing **contained in ordinances of the law**. We, who were afar off, gentiles and the Jews which were near, now have the ability to be reconciled and have access to the Father, coming boldly to the throne, by the same spirit. All through Christ's one and final offering.*

Ephesians 2:19~22 Now therefore ye are no more **strangers and foreigners**, but **fellowcitizens with the saints**, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an **habitation of God through the Spirit**.

A fellow citizen according to the laws of that nation, following its constitution to live at peace. That habitation is us, in which His Holy Spirit lives and shines.

*He made a **promise** and He intends to keep it, no matter how long it takes or what He must do. That promise is found in the **covenants**. There is more than one covenant. There's the covenant with Noah, with Abraham, with Moses and the people, with David and with Phinehas etc. God makes promises... promises He keeps.*

Of course, not all covenants are unconditional. The covenant with Noah is unconditional. The sign of that covenant is still with us today. When you see the rainbow, you can think of the unfailing promise of God. The covenant with Abraham is unconditional. God made the promise to Himself, it can never be broken, changed or annulled. Israel will be His chosen people forever and He will bring about the blessing for the entire world through Abraham's descendents.

*Then there's the covenant with Moses. At Sinai, God establishes His covenant with the people. This covenant is really like the constitution for His people. In other words, it is not a promise to be chosen as God's people if you do such-and-such. That promise was already made with Abraham. The covenant with Moses is a promise that... **if** the people obey the commandments and instructions (the Torah, the law) establishing His nation, then God would bless them in such a way that they would fulfill the purpose of His choosing. The covenant is one of righteousness on the part of the people.*

Deuteronomy 6: 25 And it shall be **our righteousness**, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

*God wanted to turn the people into a blessing, a light to shine the way, so that the nations of the earth would see the great works of God through the children of Jacob and be drawn to Him. The purpose of the Mosaic covenant is **Evangelism**- preaching the way through example...action, being a light to the world.*

The purpose of God hasn't changed. The method of God hasn't changed. The goal has always been to bring all nations to the covenant of promise, through obedience so they might enjoy peace with God, hope and fulfillment. Gentiles once were outside the promises given to Israel, but now they are no longer strangers. They have the opportunity to be grafted into the covenants of promise. God's intention is to bring the strangers into the house of Israel. That means He fully expects those who come to live under the same constitution He established with His children at Sinai.

*The way one must live, according to His will has not and will not change. It's stated that He will write His laws on your hearts and mind. This shows not only what the law required then, as well as now, and will be required **IF** we are to live with Him forever.*

1Corinthians 5: 16~21 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God,

who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us **the ministry of reconciliation**; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; **and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation**. Now then we are **ambassadors for Christ**, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

*Christ has given us the **ministry of reconciliation** and has committed unto us the **word of reconciliation**. Now then we are **ambassadors for Christ** to go forth with His message of reconciliation for the transgression of sin through Christ afforded us by the grace of Yah.*

It seems that it's time to be a light, and to get out from behind the wall of insecurity. Fear is a tool of Satan's to hold us back from becoming who we were called to be. As stated in the last word of the Book of Revelation the fate of the fearful and unbelievers are the same as the abominable and idolaters.

Revelation 21:6~8 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. **He that overcometh** shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the **fearful**, and **unbelieving**, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

*The purpose of the covenant is **Evangelism of the Kingdom of Yah***

*Better to be found burnt out
Than to be found rusted out*

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