

After a Promise is Confirmed

By Dan Jenkins

The Gentile churches in Galatia were being troubled by Judaizing teachers who sought to bind the keeping of the Old Testament law (specifically circumcision) on them. Both Jews and Gentiles could recognize that God's threefold promise to the fathers was that *every family on the earth* would be blessed ([Gen. 12:3](#)). These teachers made the keeping of the law absolutely essential to obtaining this blessing. The church at Rome also had this problem. Paul answers this false teaching by looking at a secular promise or covenant. He looked at an ordinary covenant and states, "Though it is only a man's covenant, yet if it is confirmed no one annuls or adds to it" ([Gal. 3:15](#)). Think of a business contract which once it is "signed, sealed and delivered," it cannot be changed.

The covenant made with the fathers was given and confirmed by God. God made the covenant (and remember He cannot lie) and sealed it with an oath. He swore by Himself that He would keep that covenant promise ([Heb. 6:13-18](#)). That covenant was "signed, sealed and delivered" and nothing could change it.

Now note how Paul uses the simple truth about ordinary business contracts (covenants). He first shows that the covenant was given before circumcision. The covenant was made in Genesis 13 and circumcision was given 20 years later in Genesis 17. Read [Romans 4:9-12](#) to see this "time" argument. Paul makes the same "time" argument to the Galatians when he clearly states that the law came 430 years after the covenant. Thus, neither circumcision nor the law have anything to do with God's confirmed covenant.

What is the significance of this to us and how does the "time" argument impact us? God has made a New Covenant (testament) with us. Like He gave the covenant with the fathers and confirmed it, He has given a new covenant with us.

How did He confirm this New Covenant? Read the closing verses of Mark. "So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through accompanying signs" ([Mark 16:19-20](#)). Those miracles were the confirmation. They were God's seal of the New Testament.

Those miracles no longer exist. The dead are no longer being raised! The covenant has been given and confirmed. What follows is that once given and confirmed, "No one annuls or adds to it." No synod, convention, church hierarchy or pastor can make a single change to it. Think about this!!

Please call John or email him at jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com with any prayer requests or announcements you may have for the congregation.

Things you should know about!

Communion is available as you come in the building, please take only what is needed for today. Hold on to the emblems until the proper time.

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## Happy Birthday!!!

Jessica Gaynor 2/6    McKayah Musselman 2/7

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Next Sunday, February 13th will be our potluck lunch. Please plan to join us!

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If you would like to contribute to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, you can give money to Jason or place in the offering plate.

Please be sure to mark it accordingly.

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Men!! There will be a brief Men's meeting after morning services on Sunday, February 20th.

If you have something that needs to be discussed, please let Jason or John know.

Serving today and next Sunday:

Sunday AM Rotation	February 6, 2022	February 13, 2022
Announcements	Sam Martin	John McGiffin
Song Leading	Owen Whittington	Sam Martin
Opening Prayer	Jerry Thompson	Tom Muter
Lord's Supper Comments	Tim Bang	Jason Bang
Scripture Reading	Chris McGiffin	Owen Whittington
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer	Duane Kemp	Curt Thompson

Bible Verse of the Week

“For I know *that* my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand
at last on the earth;” Job 19:25

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Lord’s Supper Reflection – Why Did Jesus Die?

Jesus Death Destroyed the Works of Satan

“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” 1 John 3:8

Offering Meditation

Your Gift to God is a Sacrifice. The Amount is Not Important

“And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, “Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had.” Luke 21:1-4

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- *Beth Martin (Sam Martin’s mom) has COVID
- *Amber Sutton (co-worker of Laura McGiffin) is 30 weeks pregnant and has COVID
- *Jessica (Alexa Rohr’s twin sister) has glaucoma and the pressure in her eyes has been extremely high
- *Nancy Wilson (friend of Stephanie Bang) facing major health challenges
- *Karen Oyler (friend of Stephanie Bang) recently had surgery for breast cancer and just found out that she also has cancer in her bones and lungs.

- *Steven Haguewood is home recovering from a large pulmonary embolism
- *Tara Illnik (Amie Allen’s sister-in-law) - having health issues and dealing with high levels of stress
- *Debbie (Sam Martin’s Aunt) - is in the hospital with an infection that needs to be gone before they can do bypass surgery.

How can we be praying for YOU?

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, January 30			Wednesday, February 2
Bible Classes	33		Attendance 17
AM Attendance	36		
PM Attendance	24	Contribution	\$1330.00

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



February 6, 2022

Worship Times:

Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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We are happy that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are visiting, you are our honored guests and we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card and let us get to know you.