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After a Promise is Confirmed ***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!!

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Fredie Stewart, Mary Lewis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Carolyn Callis
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Shirley Puckett
Gaylon & Betty Cooper
Carleton & Cindy Kidder

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Glenn Lovell, Gladys Gowan,
Diane Hubbard, Brandi Rogers,
Corey Allen, Caraline Rogers
Ruby Malone, Justin Puckett,
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis

Today's Sermons

AM - Mind Your Own Business
Galatians 6:4-5

PM - The Church in 4 Stages
Ephesians 3:21

Happenings

October 20-23

Annual Gospel Meeting
Sam Jones
Potluck Meal following
AM Services

Cards to Send

Sandra Epperson
37 Southsie Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

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4995 Highway 45 South
Finger, TN 38334

Weekly Record

6 AM	3
Bible Class	40/9
AM Worship	70/18
PM Worship	43/5
Wed Bible Study	41/10
Contribution	5899
Budget	4014

Sunday Night Speakers

FHU Students

November 3 - Clayton Danley

Novemebr 10 - Deacon Hazel

Those Privileged to Serve

Oct 13- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

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Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Marion Thomas

Van McConnell

Oct 20- AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Sam Jones

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Joe Venable

Jerry Butcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ian Shoemate

Communion: Paul Hatcher

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Sermon: Sam Jones

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Joe Venable

Oct 16- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: John Smith

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Ray Pack

Oct 23- WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Devo - Sam Jones

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM