

Sermon Notes...

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TITLE: "ADVANCING WITH A CHURCH COVENANT"

TEXT: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:1

INTRODUCTION

A. WHO NEEDS COVENANT ACCOUNTABILITY?

1. THE PLAGUE OF INDIVIDUALISM IN THE CHURCH
2. THE BLESSING TO ALL OF ACCOUNTABILITY

B. WHAT IS THE NEW TESTAMENT MODEL?

1. THERE IS A WAY TO WALK
2. GOD STARTS BELIEVERS IN THAT WAY
3. ASKING & URGING IS PART OF THE PLAN
4. THE AIM IS TO GROW & PLEASE GOD

C. HOW SHALL WE USE OUR COVENANT?

1. ACKNOWLEDGE HOW IT PRESENTS THE WAY TO WALK
2. SEE ITS CONNECTION WITH OUR BELONGING TO GOD
3. ACCEPT THE NON-PASSIVE NATURE OF THE CHURCH
4. AIM AT PLEASING GOD, NOT MEN

D. HOW SHOULD WE NOT USE OUR COVENANT?

1. ...TO NOT SETTLE ALL THE DETAILED QUESTIONS OF LIFE
2. ...TO NOT SET-UP AN INDEPENDENT AUTHORITY
3. ...TO NOT SUPPOSE THAT CHRISTIAN LIVING IS ROUTINE
4. ...TO NOT SEPARATE SPIRITUAL ACTS FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT
5. ...TO NOT SEGREGATE CHRISTIANS FROM EACH OTHER

Amen

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