Evangel Christian Fellowship





Enter Into God's Rest

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Christmas

- Holiday defined
- Holy Day were days appointed by God to meet with Him.
- It was a day of rest, in which no works were to be done





1) God's Heart to Tabernacle with us

• PROMISE:

a) I will be their Godb) They shall be My peoplec) I will dwell with them

• The end goal is to bring us into His **REST**





Exodus 19:3-4

³ And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel:

⁴ 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.





Exodus 19:45-46

⁴⁵ I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God.

⁴⁶ And they shall know that I **am the Lord their God**, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt, that I **may dwell among them**. I am the Lord their God.





The First Coming

John 1:10-14

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

- ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:
- ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.



The Second Coming

Revelation 21:1-3

¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.

² Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and* be their God.





Hebrews 4:1-10

¹ Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it.

² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*.

³ For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said:

"So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,' "

although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

⁴ For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works";

⁵ and again in this place: "They shall not enter My rest."



Genesis 6:3

³ And the LORD said, "<u>My Spirit</u> shall not strive with man forever, for he *is* indeed <u>flesh</u>; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."





Genesis 8:6-12

⁶So it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made.

⁷ Then he sent out a raven, which kept going to and fro until the waters had dried up from the earth.

⁸ He also sent out from himself a dove, to see if the waters had receded from the face of the ground.





⁹ But the dove found no resting place for the sole of her foot, and she returned into the ark to him, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her, and drew her into the ark to himself.

¹⁰ And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out from the ark.





¹¹ Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth.

¹² So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore.





2) The Promise Messiah

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of *His* government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.



Galatians 4:21-31

²¹ Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?

²² For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman.

²³ But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise,

²⁴ which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar—





²⁵ for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children—

²⁶ but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.

²⁷ For it is written:

"Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband."





²⁹ But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now.

³⁰ Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman."

³¹ So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.





Ishmael vs Isaac

- Hagar vs Sarah
- Bondwoman vs freewoman
- Ishmael vs Isaac
- Flesh vs Spirit
- Works vs promise





Ephesians 1:17-19

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

¹⁹ and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power





Ephesians 3:7

⁷ of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.





3. Receive Through Faith

- Cease from our own works
- Stop striving
- Stop trying to make the promises happen in the flesh
- Cease from self-effort





- Mary said, let it be done unto me according to your Word.
- As many as have received Him, He has given them the right to become children of God.



