

MARRIAGE PART 6 - COVENANT KEEPERS

In part 5 we looked at how it is fully possible for us to break the Covenant of love, which the Father has established with us. We said He will never break it, but it is fully possible for us to, and when we love another more than Him, no matter if this is a person, a possession or an object, we are in fact breaking the Covenant and are guilty of spiritual adultery.

It's important to note that this is not God's purpose for us, that we would be Covenant breakers, but rather that we would be Covenant keepers. Keepers of this divine eternal blood Covenant which the Father has made with us, and this is where our devotion is to lie and be found.

It's important to note that God has made all things fully possible in Him. This means through the death and resurrection of His Son, we have everything we need for Life and godliness. In other words we have everything we need to be a 'Covenant Keeper'.

2 Peter 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

The key to being a Marriage Covenant Keeper is knowing and experiencing God's divine power within you.

It's God's divine power that grants us access to everything pertaining to life and godliness, because of the true knowledge of Him we are receiving, empowering us to love God with all we are.

It's not our strength. It's not our intellect. It's not our gifts and talents. It's not our bloodline, heritage or lineage. It's not our positions. It's God's divine power and God's divine power alone.

Jesus is the power of God and He's also the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:22-24 For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

We know that the church, God's people are built on the 'revelation' of Jesus Christ Himself, in other words the 'true knowledge' of Jesus, who is the power and wisdom of God. When the Word of God, Jesus Himself, is building His people, His people are fully capable of keeping the Marriage Covenant of love with the Father.

1 John 2:4-6 The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is

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a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

This is where we have to seriously look in the mirror and ask ourselves some very serious questions, in relation to our Covenant relationship with Jesus Himself and the reality of God we know or don't know.

This isn't about whether we are justified by His blood or not but whether we actually do love God by the way we live.

We need to ask questions like...

1. Have I ever experienced the resurrectional power of God within me, taking me from death to life? Remembering Jesus is the power of God.

Paul said he received the gospel through a revelation of Jesus Christ, the power of God. It is the Messenger who makes the message come alive, not the other way around.

He didn't say he received the gospel through hearing the articulation of what Jesus did on the cross.

Paul received the resurrected one, the Messenger, the power of God, and so he received resurrected life. Paul was raised from death to life literally when He received Jesus Christ as Lord.

- 2. Have I and do I only make a verbal and mental agreement with the Word of God (Jesus), as opposed to receive through revelation the living conviction in my heart of the Word of God?
- 3. Have I only really been raised with the dos and don'ts, the rights and wrongs, the good and the bad, as opposed to living a life of faith in Jesus?
- 4. Am I more into religious ceremonies, traditions, beliefs, "forms of godliness" (2 Timothy 3:5) than I am at being transformed by the Word Himself?
- 5. Am I more about the intellectual understanding of the Scriptures, studying the Hebrew and the Greek, more than I am about having my mind renewed by the power of the Spirit?

We are called and chosen to be able to be a Covenant Keeper of love with God through the power of God, Jesus Christ.

It was Paul who told us to make sure our faith rested on the power of God and not the wisdom of man, if

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we wanted to be able to love the Father and keep our Covenant with Him.

Ask the questions above as a discussion point for part 6.

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