

The Covenant People In Challenging Times

Text: II Cor. 4: 7

Intro

1. If take over faith seriously → our basic principle has to be present if that faith is to be meaningful.
2. People is → we are a covenant people.
 - 1) Def → covenant is an agreement → special kind of agreement
 - 2) More than contract → legal/binding → lacks emotion/personal involvement / ~~whole~~ sense of relationship.
 - 3) Is → moral/legal/emotional/spiritual / physical relationship of ~~two~~ parties of agreement.
3. What Bible is talking about:
 - 1) Gen. 9:16 → Put a rainbow in sky → sign of covenant.
"Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it + remember the everlasting covenant between God + all living creatures of every kind on the earth."
 - 2) Isa. 54:10 → "Though the mountains be shaken + the hills be removed → yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken."

nor my covenant of peace, ^{be} removed say the Lord who has compassion on you.

3) Heb. 13:20, 21 → May the God of peace who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus that great shepherd of the sheep (21) →

(1) Equip you with everything good for doing his will.

(2) May he work in us what is pleasing to him.

(3) Thank Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever & ever → Amen

4. Obviously we live in challenging times →

1) talk about baby boomers / middle aged.

2) Now talk about baby busters → 16 to 27 year olds. (See card)

3) While boomers / busters important → deeper show that. → II Tim 3.

5. In the midst of this mix → covenant people? covenant people → style / say / story / security. →

1) Rom 8:1 → 6 → 14-17; 35 - 38.

6. Sounds great → How?

1) Really tough → George Wadsworth story

2) Really funny → Luther → Luther + Epiphany →

7. Turn to II Cor. → Corinthians, had a lot of problems → learn to be converted people. → Billy Reeder.