

# Deuteronomy: God's Covenant People

[#3] *The Grace of Creation (Part 2)* – Deuteronomy 1:6–18

**Sermon Outline** – July 30, 2017

## Children's Sermon: We belong to God

When you draw a picture, who does it belong to?

Who made you? Why can you think, move & decide things?

Who do you belong to?

From this angle, our most basic sin is acting as if our lives belong to us!

Do you have any guesses as to why God made you? (Cf. Gen. 1:26)

### 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, **if anyone is in Christ**, he is a *new creation*. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Why do you think God is making people into *new creations*? (Cf. Ephesians 5:1)

## *The Historical Review (Prologue)*

Notes:

The Lord's Powerful Grace in the Wilderness (1:6–4:40)

God's Good Creation of Israel (1:6–18)

- The Command to go take their *Inheritance* (1:6–8)
- They Were Now as Numerous as the Stars (1:9–15)
- Governed by God's *Words* (1:16–18)

### **Last Sunday...**

Israel was created by God's word and would be protected by God's word but the 1<sup>st</sup> generation refused to believe God and they all died in the wilderness.

### **Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...**

By God's kind grace, Israel is preserved in the wilderness and still going to inherit the Promised Land.



- The 1<sup>st</sup> generation failed because of *unbelief*
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> generation is being called to *trust* God's *gracious* promises

**Through Jesus, We are God's Holy People**

## 1 Peter 2:9–11

<sup>9</sup> But you are a ***chosen race***, a royal priesthood, a ***holy nation***, a people for his own possession, *that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.* <sup>10</sup> ***Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people***; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

## The Two Trees of Romans 11 (Parallel to 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Israel)

### Rescue not Reward

**Romans 11:5–6** (Cf. Ephesians 2:8–9)

<sup>5</sup> So too at the present time there is a remnant, ***chosen by grace.*** <sup>6</sup> But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

### Don't be Arrogant

**Romans 11:17–18**

<sup>17</sup> But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, <sup>18</sup> ***do not be arrogant toward the branches.*** If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but ***the root that supports you.***

### Stand Fast in God's Grace through Faith

**Romans 11:19–22**

<sup>19</sup> Then you will say, “Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in.” <sup>20</sup> That is true. They were broken off because of their ***unbelief***, but ***you stand fast through faith.*** So do not become proud, but fear. <sup>21</sup> For if God did not spare the natural branches, neither will he spare you. <sup>22</sup> Note then the kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's kindness to you, provided you *continue in his kindness.* Otherwise you too will be cut off.

## We Need God's Creating, Sustaining Power to be His Holy People

### ...Fired at our Life & Heart

God chose us and created us by grace through faith. Now that we are alive in him, keep living & growing by grace through faith.



- By Grace we understand and rejoice in the Gospel!
- By Grace our trust in the Gospel has changed our life, (God has made us *holy*)!
- By Grace we keep trusting and growing in *holiness*!

How practiced are you at using the gospel to grow in *holiness*? (Not just the what but the why)

Holiness is about Growing in Our...

- Love for God's Rule?
- Love for God's Help?
- Love for God's Mission?
  - ✓ Love for God's People?
  - ✓ Love for the Lost?

**For Meditation this week, take your Spiritual Temperature:**  
(Look at your heart/life with our Christian calling in view)

**Love of *Bible*:** (God's Rule)

- Are you growing in you love for and understanding of the Bible? Has Bible study become boring? Are God's commands a growing delight or a wearisome burden?

**Love of *Prayer*:** (God's Help)

- Do you love to ask for God's help in daily Prayers? Do you pray reflexively and deliberately? What do you pray for most often? When do you usually pray?

**Love for the *Church*:** (God's Mission)

- Is your love for the Church growing? Do you feel like you are on your own? How often do you encourage a brother/sister with the gospel? Do you know how to do this? Do you want to? Who specifically have you reached out to over the last 6 months?

### **Love for the *Lost*: (God's Mission)**

What is your typical attitude toward unbelievers? Are you envious? Do you find unbelievers irritating? Are you concerned that without Christ they will spend eternity in hell? Do you spend time thinking and praying about opportunities to witness? In the past 6 months what time have you spent practicing giving the gospel away to unbelievers? What have been some missed opportunities in the past 6 months? Has the Lord given you the privilege of leading someone to Christ in the last 6 months?

### **Remember the Gospel Promises:**

- ✓ Jesus Lived for Us: We get credit for his perfect life! (Rom. 4:4-5)
- ✓ Jesus Died for Us: He paid for the many ways we fail!
- ✓ Jesus Washes Us! (1 John 1:9)
- ✓ Jesus Finished what He Started in Us! (Philippians 1:6)

**Preach** (To Yourself & Others)

**Pray** (For Yourself & Others)

**Plug Away**