

===== **Intention of Salvation History** =====

To reconcile humanity to Himself – Recover His Family

In order to do that, He must first break the power of the enemy that destroyed His family !!!

New Covenant – a Blood Oath

The umbrella for Salvation History

Jer.31:31-34 – The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Heb.8:11 – This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Ez.34:11-31 (par) – The Good Shepherd will rescue His sheep and make a new covenant with them.

Ez.36:25-27 – I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness ... I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes.

Rom.11:27 – And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins

Heb.7:11,18,19 – Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood ... what further need would there have been to speak of another priest ... There is, on the one hand, the abrogation of an earlier commandment because it was weak and ineffectual (for the law made nothing perfect); there is, on the other hand, the introduction of a better hope through which we approach God.

Heb.10:14-16 – For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”

===== **VISION // Strategy for Recovering His Family** =====

Jesus is King // a Cosmic-Level Victory (Christus Victor)

Through death and resurrection, Jesus defeated Satan

Jn.1:29,36 – Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Jn.11:25 – I am the resurrection and the life.

Jn.12:31 – Now the prince of this world will be driven out.

Jn.16:11 – The ruler of this world has been condemned.

Mt.1:21 – You are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Mt.12:28-29; Lk.16:20-22 – If it is by the finger of God that I cast out the demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his castle, his property is safe. But when one stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his plunder.

Rom.8:3 --For God has done what the law could not do ... sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin (as a sin offering) He condemned sin in the flesh

Col.2:15 – He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Heb.1:3 – When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God

Heb.2:14-15 – So that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.

Heb.9:26 – He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Heb.13:12 – Therefore Jesus also suffered ... in order to sanctify the people by his own blood.

1Jn.3:5,8 – You know that he was revealed to take away sins ... The Son of God was revealed for this purpose: to destroy the works of the devil.

Being Rescued // Set Free

From bondage to evil and world corruption, to freedom in Christ.

Mt.6:13; Lk.11:4 – Deliver us from evil.

Lk.1:73-75 – Being rescued from the hands of our enemies, we might serve him without fear.

Jn.8:34,36 – Everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin ... if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Acts.13:38-39 – By this Jesus everyone who believes is set free from all those sins from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Rom.7:24-25 – Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gal.1:4 – The Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age.

Gal.5:1,13 – For freedom Christ has set us free ... For you were called to freedom.

Heb.2:14-15 – So that through death he might ... free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

1Pet.1:18,19 – You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors ... with the precious blood of Christ.

2Pet.1:3-4 – His divine power has given us everything needed for life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and excellence. Thus he has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust and may become participants of the divine nature.

Rev.1:5,6 – To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father.

Changing Domains // Changing Masters & the Powers Over Us

No longer under the power of sin & Satan; we live in the Kingdom of God

Jn.8:12 – Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

Jn.12:46 – I have come as light into the world, so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in darkness.

Acts.26:18 – To open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.

Rom.6:14, 17-18, 22 – For sin will have no dominion over you ... You who were slaves of sin ... have been set free from sin, and have become enslaved to righteousness ... Now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God.

Col.1:13 – He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Col.2:6 – As you therefore have received Christ Jesus [your] Lord, so walk in Him.

1Thess.2:12 – Lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

Transforming Inner Character // Spiritual Healing

Something substantial happens to our inner core

Mt.9:12-13; Mk.2:17; Lk.5:31 – Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick ... I did not come to call the righteous, but the sinful.

Mt.12:33 – Make the tree good and its fruit good.

Mt.13:15 – Lest they would understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.

Mt.23:26 – First clean the inside of the cup ... so that the outside also may become clean.

Jn.4:14; 7:38 – Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.

Acts.10:38 – Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil.

1Pet.2:24 – By his wounds you have been healed.

===== **Our Process** =====

Regeneration // New Birth // New Life

We are reborn with a new nature, a new kind of life

Jn.3:3,6,8 – No one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above ... what is born of the Spirit is spirit .. You must be born from above.

Jn.5:21,24,25 – Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomever he wishes ... Anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me ... has passed from death to life ... The hour is coming and is now here when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

Jn.17:3 – This is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ.

Acts.11:18 – God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.

Rom.4:17 – In the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Rom.6:13 – Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life.

Eph.2:5 – Even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.

Titus.3:5 – He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

1Pet.1:3,23 – By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ... You have been born anew ... of imperishable seed.

1Jn.3:1,9 – See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are ... Those who have been born of God do not sin because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin because they have been born of God.

1Jn.5:4,18 – Whatever is born of God conquers the world ... those who are born of God do not sin.

Exchanging Old Way of Life for New Way of Life

A great exchange has taken place, replacing the old "me" with a new "me"

Mt.10:39; 16:25 – Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

2Cor.5:21 – For our sake God made the one who knew no sin to be sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Eph.4:22-24 – To put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Col.3:9-10 – You have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator.

Death to the Old and Resurrection to New Life

In fact the old "me" needed to die with Christ and a new "me" raised with Him

Mt.10:38; 16:24; Lk.14:27 – If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Rom.6:2, 6-8 – How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ... Our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Gal.2:19-20 – I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.

Gal.5:24 – And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh.

Gal.6:14 – May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

Col.2:11-13, 20 – The removal of the body of the flesh ... when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses ... God made you alive together with him ... with Christ you died to the elemental principles of the world.

Col.3:3 – For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

1Pet.2:24 – He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness.

Cleansing // Purification // Made Righteous (sanctified)

We have been truly cleansed from sin and its contamination

Lev.16:30 – For on this day atonement shall be made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins you shall be clean before the Lord.

Ps.51:2,7,10 – Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin ... Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow ... Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Acts.15:9 – In cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us.

Acts.20:32 – Now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified.

Acts.22:16 – Get up, be baptized, and have your sins washed away, calling on his name.

Rom.10:4,10 – For Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes ... For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness.

1Cor.6:11 – But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gal.2:21; 3:21-22 – I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through [keeping] the law, then Christ died for nothing ... For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law ... [but now] what was promised through the faith of Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

Eph.5:25-27 – As Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind, so that she may be holy and without blemish.

Titus.2:14 – He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Heb.9:13-14, 22-23 – For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God! ... Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood ... Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these [in order to purify us].

Heb.10:10,22 – We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ ... Our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience.

1Jn.1:7,9 – And the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin ... he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

===== **The End Goal** =====

Primary features of New Covenant are (1) transformed hearts; (2) closer relationship with God.

Creating a Holy People

“I will write my laws on their hearts”

Acts.10:15; 11:8 – What God has made clean, you must not call profane.

1Cor.1:2 – Those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints.

Eph.1:4 – To be holy and without blemish before him in love.

Phil.3:9 – Not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith.

Col.1:22 – He has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him.

Col.2:9 – For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him.

Col.3:12 – As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved.

1Pet.1:22 – You have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth.

1Pet.2:9 – But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people.

Indwelling of God // Becoming a Temple (Holy Place)

“they will be my people, and will be their God”

Jn.14:20; 17:21 – I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

Jn.14:23 – My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Jn.15:4 – Abide in me as I abide in you.

Rom.8:9,10,11 – Since the Spirit of God dwells in you ... Christ is in you ... the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.

1Cor.3:16,17,19 – Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you? ... For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple ... do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you?

2Cor.6:16 – For we are the temple of the living God, as God said, “I will live in them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

2Cor.13:5 – Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?

Col.1:27 – Christ in you, the hope of glory.

1Jn.4:4 – Greater is He that is within you, than he that is in the world.

New Creation has Begun – a New Reality !!

God is re-creating the family He wanted from the beginning

2Cor.5:17 – If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being.

Gal.6:15 – A new creation is everything.

Eph.2:10 – For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus.

===== Conclusions =====

God has solved the problem of evil that kept decimating His relationship with us.

This is how God makes people good again.

Expiation (removal of sin) is embedded in Christ’s atonement.

Conversion by defenition is a New Kind of Life ... re-engaging with God.

Note: this list doesn’t even include the dozens of references to repentance (our part in rejecting sin), the many references to deliverance from demonic oppression, the many times we are called saints (literally “holy ones”), or the deep connection to ongoing sanctification in the lives of believers.