

How do You...



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Covered in "How do you Define Life":

Chart helps students:

- Discern between the flesh and faith.
- Gain new experience defining life.
- Learn how the mind projects for outcomes to alignment with desire.
- Understand what God said He would do for you.

HOW DO YOU DEFINE LIFE?

You will either define life by the covenant of Christ or by the flesh: the needs of the body the issues, situations, circumstances, and problems that unfold from day to day. The problem is that when life is falsely defined by the needs of the flesh then faith follows suit and is directed towards resolving issues and reversing circumstances. When preaching about “what God said He would do”, faith and hope are directed towards these carnal things. As a result of redirecting faith, the blessing of God is also falsely defined and the hope of man is yoked to carnal things.

The purpose of this publication is to spotlight the problems that develop when life is defined by a biased perspective on the flesh and to help believers return to the cross of Christ by defining life as Jesus does.

Let's set the record straight: Jesus never defined life by the day-to-day issues, circumstances, and relationship. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the LIFE”(Jn.14:6). Jesus identified life as Himself. God is not just identifying Himself as the driving force of the God-Code, He is speaking of how our faith is to be directed. God knows the inclination of man to define life by need and so, from the beginning defined life in terms that Satan could not exploit. That means that God authorized Jesus Christ as the living model and contact point for our faith. God's authorization was seen when He spoke from heaven and said, “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased” (Mt.3:17).

When you come into covenant with God you are agreeing to define life as He does. By this focus of life upon Jesus Christ, God is bringing reciprocation up to His level instead of the level of the flesh where we were used to reciprocating on the grounds of our needs. God already knows what you have need of and does not want you to focus your faith there. Jesus taught that we are not to be as the heathen who define life by the things they have and the issues they face:

²³. The *life is more than meat*, and the body is more than raiment.

²⁴. Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

²⁵. And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

²⁶. If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

²⁷. Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

²⁸. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

²⁹. And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

³⁰. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

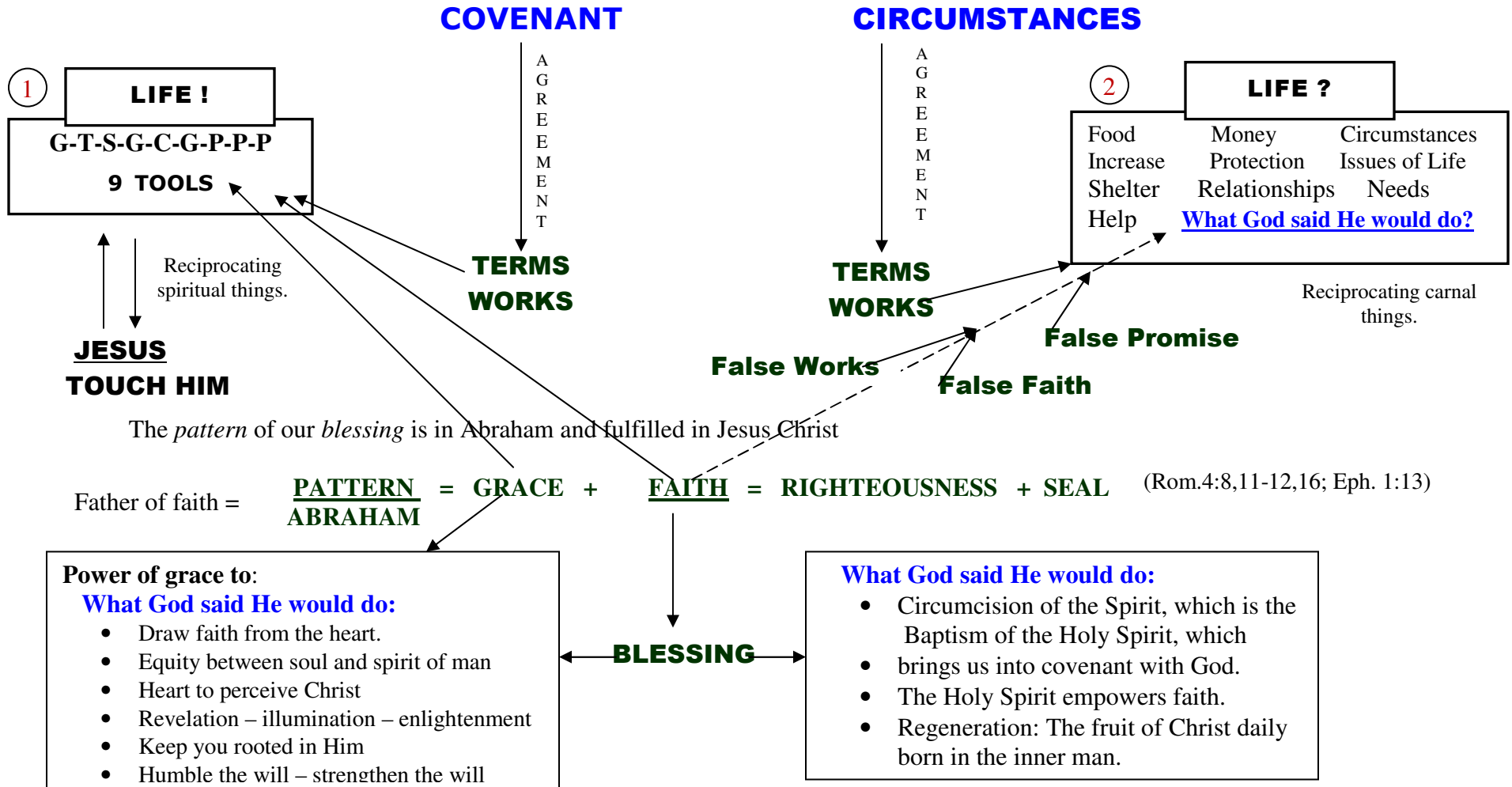
³¹. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Luke 12:23-31

God does not want our faith directed towards the acquiring of earthly goods. If you are in covenant with God, functioning your priesthood then your life is defined by the covenant: our labor at the altar of Christ, the work of regeneration in the heart, our reciprocation of charity, our cycles of growth, and the purged conscience. Because we are not seeking the things of this world we are not directing our faith towards obtaining the things of this world.

The chart on the following page will help you track faith and understand how faith is easily adapted to the flesh if we do not define life properly.

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How to read the chart

We're going to begin by looking at model #2:

- ② **Defining Life by Circumstances:** Most Christians have been wrongly educated to define life by the needs of the body, the issues, situations, circumstances, and problems that unfold from day to day. If you look at the right side of the chart, you will see these items listed in box #2. When life is falsely defined like this then faith follows suit and is directed toward resolving issues and reversing circumstances (the broken line on the chart/false faith) instead of the covenant.

Terms/Works: You will notice that when believers come into agreement that life is defined by the issues they face then the Bible is falsely read, looking for God's promises or principles to remedy the issues of the flesh. Faith is assigned the task of turning things around for you and this message is commonly preached from the pulpit. Preaching about the sought after "the anointing", "God's blessing", "the blessing of Abraham", "overcoming power", "expect a miracle", "how to sow the seeds for your blessing", "finding God's purpose", "the abundant life", "digging deeper", etc. are the terms that describe faith directed towards the flesh.

A certain level of excitement and anticipation grows as the mind projects for outcomes to alignment with desire. But this excitement replaces the grace of God and projection replaces reflection and carnal things replace spiritual things. We can now begin to understand why false faith is dangerous.

Defining what God said He would do: When preaching about "what God said He would do" faith and hope are directed towards carnal things and the blessing of God is falsely defined. Faith is tethered to the flesh and believers are looped to disappointment.

- ① **Defining life by the Covenant of Christ:** When you transition into the Second Covenant you begin to define life as God defines it, by Himself and by the covenant of Christ.

Terms/Works: When you transition into the Second Covenant you come into agreement with God to use the 9 tools of Christ, which are the terms/works to which faith is assigned: Government, Truth, and Spirit; Gifts, Callings, Graces of God; Prayer, Preaching, and Prophecy. You learn how to touch Jesus with these tools and He in turn touches you with His virtue and you experience the power of His grace. Faith is realigned to correctly follow the covenant and the blessings of Christ follow.

Defining what God said He would do: When you are in covenant with God you value the things that bring the life of Christ to the soul and define the blessing of God by the work of the Spirit in the inner man:

- Circumcision of the Spirit, which is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, which
- brings us into covenant with God.
- The Holy Spirit empowers faith.
- Regeneration: The fruit of Christ daily born in the inner man.

That is what God said that He would do for you. In addition, God said that He would:

- Draw faith from the heart.
- Equity between soul and spirit of man
- Heart to perceive Christ
- Revelation – illumination – enlightenment
- Keep you rooted in Him
- Humble the will – strengthen the will

You have to decide what you want. If you want the promise of life in Jesus Christ then pursue Him by covenant faith. If you want life to orbit around yourself then pursue that. But make no mistake, God designed faith to orbit around Jesus Christ, not our circumstances. God knows what you have need of. When you focus your faith on Jesus Christ then God will take care of the rest.

Finally, we need to understand the “blessing of Abraham”. As illustrated in the chart, Abraham is called the father of faith because God established a pattern through him that we are blessed to follow: *Grace, Faith, Righteousness, and the Seal*.¹ The Bible says: “That the BLESSING of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith” (Gal.3:14). The blessing of grace, faith, righteousness, and the seal can be yours.

If we value spiritual things then we will delight in the life of God that is hidden in Jesus Christ. He is the pearl of great price. But if we value carnal things then we will see the reversal of circumstances as the pearl of great price and direct our faith towards those endeavors and fall short of the glory of God.

There is no doubt that “faith” continues to be a greatly misunderstood subject in the church today. And that is no surprise when we take into account that “life”, “grace”, “covenant”, and “blessing” are not understood. When one does not understand the grounds for faith, the terms of our fellowship with God, and the power of grace then one does not understand faith at all nor understand what life is all about. Don’t let anyone tell you that life is defined by our circumstances and issues, problems, and relationships. God defines life by the covenant of Jesus Christ. This is why He said, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (Jn.10:10).

The abundant life is not about having more things, but to live in the power of His grace.

To return to the cross of Christ simply learn to define life by the covenant of Jesus Christ. We see that God is redefining our hope in Jesus Christ. It is important to know WHO our hope is HOW God gives substance to our hope every day.

When we talk about the integrity of life we are talking about life being read, interpreted, and lived through Jesus alone. This is why Jesus took the title of “life” upon Himself.

¹ <http://second8thweek.org/video-pop.php?whichVideo=covenant-faith-part-1>

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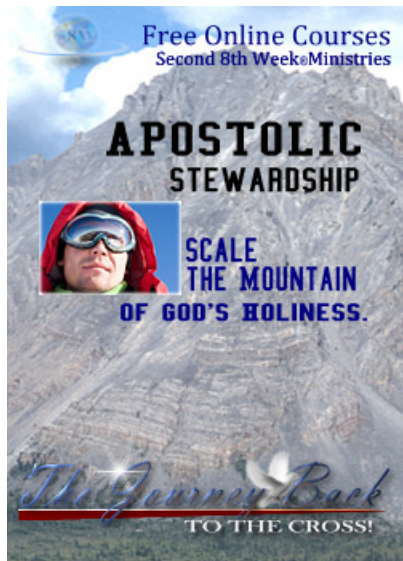


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What is the foundation? The foundation is knowledge, it is not brick and mortar. Jesus, as the foundation of our faith, speaks of the knowledge of His covenant. Apostles do not build a building in honor of Jesus' place in history; Apostles build faith with the knowledge of the covenant. You do not need a church building to worship God, you need knowledge of the covenant and the priesthood to worship God. Take the course @ www.second8thweek.org/class-index.php?id=11