

Element 7B: Pattern of 5 First Steps into the Kingdom of Christ

Step 2: Water Baptism and the Eight Ingredients of All Biblical Covenants

114th Lesson in the 8 Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian Gospel Series

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- I. **Eight Essential Elements: List of the Eight Elements & Overview** (Commenced 5/17/2005)
 0. Intro: Proclamation / Pre-Evangelism / Disciples / Pole Fishing / Diagnostic Tools / 7 Missing Elements
 1. God: Essential Biblical Attributes: (Non-Communicable & Communicable)
 2. Man: Essential Biblical Attributes: (3 Issues / Culpability / Empowerment)
 3. The 10 Commandments: (Exodus 20:1-17) & (Deuteronomy 5:1-21)
 4. Historical Narrative of Israel & Warning(s) of Eternal Cosmic Judgment: Gospel Presentations in Acts
 5. Jesus Christ: Only Mediator: Intro to Christology: Bridge / Ministry / Atonement / Reign (30 Weeks)
 6. Receiving Jesus Christ: (John 1:12-13) Responding: Key Components & Exchanges of Soteriology
 7. The First 5 Steps Into the Kingdom of Christ: The Biblical Pattern of Conversion (Exodus 25:8-9, 40)
 8. Maturing in Jesus Christ: 3 Tools of Grace - Vital Growth Ingredients / Necessity of Discipleship
- II. **Recently Element 7: Pattern of 5 First Steps into Kingdom: Focus on Steps 3, 4 & 5 (3 Parallel Series')**
Today: Element 7 – Step 2 Water Baptism (2017 Version)
 - i. Receiving Jesus Christ Our Lord & Savior: (a) New Birth & (b) Conversion: Repentance & Faith
(GCF Podcast: Eight Essential Elements of the Biblical Christian: Element 6A to 6W (24 Weeks)
 - ii. **Water Baptism: See “Messages on Baptism”** / John Weis - “The Everlasting Covenant & Baptism”
 - iii. Baptized in the Holy Spirit: Currently Recording “Baptized in the Holy Spirit Series” (2017)
 - iv. Deliverance & Healing(s): Upcoming “Demons & Deliverance Series” / More on Element 7
 - v. Entering & Maintaining a NT Biblical Lifestyle: (a) Vertical Disciplines & (b) Horizontal Community
- III. **Today: Water Baptism and the Eight Ingredients of All Biblical Covenants**
Eight Ingredients of All Biblical Covenants:
 - A. **Reviewed from KOG Series – Chapter 3: Major Biblical Themes – Covenant**
 - B. **Reviewed from RRBC Series (WSU RCF Version) – Emphasis**
 1. Identification of the Parties & Declaration of the New Order: Biblical covenants begin with God's absolute Lordship & Grace. He grants covenant. He is the Redeemer King. Identifies the recipients of the Covenant. Members. He declares His intention to “make all things new.” (Suzerainty)
 2. Hierarchy: God always appoints leaders as covenantal representatives. When God's people are faithful, His people are protected. When God's people are faithful to God, she obeys her leaders.
 - See GCF Recommended Book: Spiritual Authority by Watchman Nee
 3. Ethical Laws: The central section of the covenant defines how God's people are to live so that they can be His holy nation. (Leviticus 19:2; 1 Peter 1:16) God's relationship with His people is ethical. We must be righteous to enjoy the blessings of the covenant. (See #7, Sanctions: Blessings vs. Curses)
 4. Oaths: God takes the oath of the covenant. Vows. Publicly before God & man. Confess. (Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 15; Genesis 22: 1-8-24) (Matthew 10:32-33; Confess in Word & Deed)
 5. Ceremonies of Celebration: All Biblical Covenants are Sealed with Ceremonies / Celebrations of Enactment, Renewal & Remembrance. Covenant Meal / Supper / Feast (Gen. 1:29-30; Ps. 104:14-15)
 6. Signs & Symbols: Biblical Covenants have Boundaries stipulated by the Ethical Laws, but also depicted in the Covenantal Signs & Symbols. A Biblical View of Remembrance. (Baptisms: Hebs 6:1-2)
 7. Sanctions: The covenant promises blessings for those who obey and curses for those who rebel. (See Deuteronomy 28) (Read Exodus 19:1-6ff) (Conditional & Unconditional Aspects) (Ps. 130:3-4)
 8. Succession: Covenants always focus on the heirs of the covenant. God intends for the covenant to continue from generation to generation. Adoption, Making Disciples & Covenant Children.

IV. Eight Ingredients of All Biblical Covenants – Applied to Water Baptism

1. Identification of the Parties & Declaration of the New Order: (See GCF Baptism Ceremony)

- a. Candidate is Presented by a GCF Church Elder or Parent (in the case of a child).
- b. Baptized in (into) the Name of the Father, the Son (Christ Jesus), and Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 28:18-20) ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (ESV) **(Read 1 Corinthians 6:11) (Titus 3:5) (Hebrews 5:14- 6:3)**

(Acts 2:36-39) ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

(Acts 22:16) ¹⁶ Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.’

2. Hierarchy: See Matthew 28: 18-20 Above. (Acts 2:27-39) **(Ephesians 4:7, 11-25)**

(Hebrew 13:17) ¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. (NASB)

3. Ethical Laws: **(Matthew 5:17-48)**

(1 Peter 1:1-9) who are chosen ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: (John 14:15, 21) (Romans 1:5; 15:18)

4. Oaths: (Genesis 12:1-3; **Hebrews 6:13-20**) (Genesis 15; Genesis 22: 1-8-24) **(See Genesis 15:7 Below)** (Matt. 10:32-33) ³² “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

5. Ceremonies of Celebration: (1) Enactment, (2) Renewal & (3) Remembrance. (Meal, Supper, and Feast) **(Gen. 1:26-30; 12:1-3; 17:5-7. Etc.) (Ps. 104:14-15 / Satan’s attack on Celebration)** (Baptism & Communion) GCF Baptismal Celebration Ceremony Begins: “Hear the covenant proclaimed by Yahweh, recorded by Moses ...” **(Genesis 17:5-7)** ^{17:5} No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring (seed) after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring (seed) after you. **(Then Matthew 28:18-20 & Acts 2:37-39 - See Scriptures Above)**

6. Signs, Symbols & Seals: **(Baptisms: Hebrews 6:1-2) (See GCF Baptismal Service Paragraph 6.)**

7. Sanctions: Promised blessings for obedience & chastisements for rebellion. **(Discuss Romans 6;1-23)** (See Deuteronomy 28) (Read Exodus 19:1-6ff) (Conditional & Unconditional Aspects) (Ps. 130:3-4)

8. Succession: Covenants always focus on the heirs of the covenant. God intends for the covenant to continue from generation to generation. Adoption, Making Disciples / Children (See Acts 10, 11, 16) **(Acts 16:32-34)** ³² And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. ³⁴ Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

See GCF Recommended Book: To a Thousand Generations by Douglas Wilson

V. Next Message(s): Element 7 (Continued)



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