SCRIPTURE: Colossians 2:20-4:6; Exodus 20:8-11; 23:10-13; 31:12-18

SERMON: <u>Be Renewed!</u> 25 April 2010

INTRODUCTION

- A. COVENANT RENEWAL AND CHURCH REVITALIZATION
- **B. RENEWAL: RESTORE TO** *ORIGINAL* &/OR *INTENDED* STATE AND CONDITION (Col.3:10; Tt.3:5; see Gen.2 w/Rev.22)

I. BIBLICAL DATA

- **A. RENEW KINGDOM** (1Sam.11:14,15; see Ex.19:6)
- **B. RENEW SPIRIT** (Ps.51:10; see 2Cor.4:16; see Prov.25:13; Acts 3:19; 2Tm.1:16)
- **C. RENEW** *YOUTH* (Ps.103:5; see Is.40:31)
- **D. RENEW** *GROUND* (Ps.104:30; see Jn.6:63; Rom.8:2,6,11)
- E. RENEW DAYS (Lam.5:21)
- **F. RENEW** *MIND* (Rom.12:2; Eph.4:23; see Lk.8:35; 15:17; Dan.4:34,36)
- **G. RENEW** *IMAGE* (Col.3:8,9; 1:15; see Gen.1:26f; 9:6; Rom.8:29; 2Cor.4:4)
- **H. RENEW** *IMPOSSIBLE* (Heb.6:6)
- **I.** *REGENERATE*: MAKE AGAIN (Mt.19:28; Tt.3:5; see 2Cor.5:17; Gal.6:15)
- **J. REVIVE:** MAKE LIVE AGAIN (Ps.85:6; Ps.119:25,etc.)
- K. REFRESH: MAKE FRESH AGAIN (Gen.18:5; Prov.3:8)
- L. *RESTORE*: MAKE NEW AGAIN (renew; Ps.80:3,7,19)
- M. RETREAT: MAKE OVER AGAIN (Mk.6:31)

II. DOCTRINAL TRUTH

- A. FACT: EVERYTHING GETS OLD & NEEDS RENEWAL IN CHRIST (2Cor.4:16a; Heb.8:13)
- **B. GIFT:** *OLD* **BURIED &** *NEW* **RAISED** *IN CHRIST* (Col.2:12; 3:9,10; see Eph.4:22,24)
- C. DUTY: KILL *OLD* & ENLIVEN *NEW IN CHRIST* (Col.3:5f,12f; see Eph.4:25f; see Gal.5:16; Rom.8:11,13)

III. PRACTICAL USES

- **A. RENEWAL IS A GIFT OF GOD** (Col.3:10; see Rom.12:2; 2Cor.4:16; Eph.4:23; see Tt.3:5)
- **B. BE RENEWED BY THE MEANS OF HIS GIFT** (see Acts 2:42)
 - 1. be renewed by the word of God (Gen.2:7; Ps.119:50,93; Ezk.37:9; Jn.3:8; 2Tim.3:14-17)
 - 2. be renewed by the work of God (Judg.15:19; 1Sam.30:12; 1Kngs.19:8; see Jn.6:53f; Rom.6:4)
 - 3. be renewed by the answer of God (Ps.51:10; Lam.5:21; Ps.80:18; 119:25,etc.; Phil.4:6,7)
 - 4. be renewed by the people of God (Gen.18:5; Rom.15:32; 1Cor.16:18; 2Cor.7:13; 2Tm.1:16; Phil.1:7,20)

C. BE RENEWED BY FEEDING YOURSELF (see Col.3:12f; Acts 3:19)

- 1. be renewed by food for body (Judg.15:19; 1Sam.14:27; 30:12)
- 2. *be renewed by food for* thought (Phil.4:8,6f)
- 3. be renewed by food for affections (see 1Sam.16:23)

D. BE RENEWED BY WEEDING (Col.3:5f; Acts 3:19; see Jn.15:2; Is.5:6)

- 1. be renewed by weeding your work (rest)
 - a. be renewed in *sleep* (Ps.104:23; 127:2; day)
 - b. be renewed in *sabbath* (Ex.23:12; 31:17; see Mk.16:2,9; Acts 20:7; 1Cor.16:2; Rev.1:10; week)
 - c. be renewed in *selenium* (Ps.104:19; 1Cor.15:41; see Ps.51:10 w/Num.29:6; 1Sam.20:5f; 2Kngs.4:23; Ps.81:3 but esp.Col.2:16; month)
 - d. be renewed in *season* (Ps.104:30; Gen.8:22; Ps.74:16f; year)
 - e. be renewed in *sabbatical* (see Ex.23:10f; Lev.25:3f; but also Col.2:16; years)
- 2. be renewed by weeding your food (fasting; Neh.1:4f; Est.4:3,16; Ps.69:10f; Dan.9:3f; Joel 2:12; Acts 13:2f)
- 3. be renewed by weeding your income (tithes, offerings, alms; Mal3:10f; Ex36:3f; Prov19:17; 1Cor16:2; Heb7:2f)
- 4. be renewed by weeding your interactions (withdrew; Mk.3:7; 6:31)