

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH DAVID AND ITS IMPLICATIONS 2 Samuel 7

Main Thought: In 2 Samuel 7, we discover the Davidic Covenant and its implications for our lives.

1. DAVID'S DESIRE TO BUILD _____ A HOUSE (vv 1-7)
 - 1) David's _____
 - 2) _____ initial approval and then retraction.
2. GOD'S _____ TO DAVID (vv 8-17)
 - 1) Promises to be realized during David's _____ (vv 8-11a)
 - (1) "I will make your _____ great"
 - (2) "I will provide a place for my _____"
 - (3) "I will give you rest from all your _____"
 - 2) Promises to be realized after David's _____ (vv 11b-16)
 - (1) "I will raise up your offspring to _____ you"
 - (2) "I will establish his _____"
 - (3) "He will _____ a house for my name"
 - (4) "I will establish the throne of his _____ forever"
 - 3) The covenant relationship – the king's part (_____ in a father-son relationship) (vv 14-15)
 - 4) Summary of covenant _____ (vv 16-17)
 - (1) An eternal _____
 - (2) An eternal _____
 - (3) An eternal _____
3. DAVID'S _____ OF PRAISE (vv 18-29)
 - 1) _____
 - 2) _____
 - 3) _____
4. IMPLICATIONS FOR _____
 - 1) _____ is the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant.
 - 2) We should _____ to His reign and rule.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 2 Samuel 7 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. What did David want to do for God? Why?

8. Who is Nathan? Why did God provide prophets for His kings and people? (See Num. 12:6-9; Deut. 18:15-22) What did Nathan tell David initially? Why did he retract his initial approval?

9. What was God's thinking about a house for Himself?

10. What promises did God make to David to be realized during his lifetime?

11. What promises did God make to David to be realized after his death?

12. How did David respond to these promises?

13. How does Jesus fulfill the Davidic covenant?

14. What are the implications for us?