

Visions and Revelations: Message 2 - The Change of the Age

After hearing and considering the word that was spoken, a group of brothers and sisters were inspired by verses that we felt were helpful as tools to dig deeper into the burden of the message and to discover how rich it could be to us. We compiled these verses into six sections, one for each day of the week until the next message, in hopes that many other saints could spend a bit of time every day to reconsider the burden of our brother in a new light. If anyone considers some of these verses or questions and feels enriched by them, we ask you to please leave a comment on the Church in Cleveland site under the message to share your thoughts! Thanks! Grace and peace be to all the saints!

DAY 1

This week's message focused on the changing of the age, from the Age of Law to the Age of Grace, and all that entails for us. Based on the message and the verses below, how does this change of age affect what it means to "know the Lord"? Spend 15 minutes to pray over these verses. In our day today, is the Hebrews verse fulfilled in its totality? Who around you can you teach how to know the Lord in this Age of Grace?

Leviticus 22:31

So you shall keep my commandments and do them: I am the Lord.

Hebrews 8:10-12

*For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws into their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.
And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor
and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,'
for they shall all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.
For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,
and I will remember their sins no more."*

Day 2

How does the changing of the age affect God's word to man? What did God's word mean to those following Him before in the Age of Law? What are they now to us following Him in the Age of Grace?

The verse below has words that Jesus spoke to His disciples. Some believed Him, others did not, but they still are truth to us today. What are some ways you can touch the spirit and life in these words, and come into the Lord's presence right now?

John 6:63

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

DAY 3

How does this change of age affect what it means to “have a supply for life”? How are we receiving His life supply in this Age of Grace? For what might the Lord be supplying you today?

Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

John 6:35

I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

DAY 4

How does this changing of the age affect what it means to “further the administration of God”? In today’s Age of Grace, what is God looking to “further” on this earth through His administrators and stewards? Spend some time in prayer and ask the Lord -- is there something You are looking to further administer in my heart, and what are the distractions around me that are not helping that cause?

1 Timothy 1:4

...nor to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies, which give rise to mere speculation rather than furthering the administration of God which is by faith.

DAY 5

How does this changing of the age affect how you think about growth in human virtues? Can “make every effort” mean something different than what you first thought? What does it have to do with partaking of the divine nature? Consider if there has been a time where you felt like these qualities were “yours and are increasing” without your striving for them.

2 Peter 1:3-8

*His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. 5 For this very reason, **make every effort to supplement** your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are **yours and are increasing**, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Day 6

Read these verses in 2 Corinthians 3. Consider how God revealed who He is by writing the Ten Commandments on tablets of stone. How did this changing of the age affect how people can come to know who God is today? Consider what kind of letter the Spirit is writing on your heart.

2 Corinthians 3:3

And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

2 Corinthians 3:6

[God], who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.