

Preaching Dates

David Bebbington joining in a system of providing short devotional videos for the congregation of Stirling Baptist Church each weekday morning. This is due for release on Wednesday 1 April.

Graham Bruno at Bridge of Don Baptist Church in Aberdeen via a meeting on Zoom.

Glen Cartwright preaching online through #GoVoke for Newton Mearns Baptist Church Fusion Group

Stephen Ilett will be providing, via email, a written sermon and prayers for Dingwall Baptist Church for the next two Sundays

Sylvia Jones has recorded a 2.5 minute 'Thought for the Day' for an initiative that Galashiels Baptist Church is due to roll out.

Eric Macarthur is preparing a short meditation with Bible readings, songs and prayer to email to Dalbeattie Baptist Church in time for everyone to worship in their houses on Sunday morning.

Willem Smit recording an online sermon on Saturday for Lossiemouth Baptist Church this Sunday



"THE EVERLASTING COVENANT"

By Willem Smit

THE EVERLASTING COVENANT – GOD'S ANTIDOTE TO THE INSECURITIES OF LIFE TO THE LISTENING EAR

"Incline your ear and come to Me. Hear and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you – The sure mercies of David." Isaiah 55:3

CH Spurgeon in his sermon on The Blood of the Everlasting Covenant – Hebrews 13:20, starts off with the statement, "All God's dealings with men have had a covenant character. It hath so pleased Him to arrange it, that he will not deal with us except through a covenant, nor can we deal with Him except in the same manner." A brief survey of Biblical and church history attests to this that God 'cuts covenant' with His people from the Hebrew word 'Berith' and that the shedding of blood by means of a sacrifice is required to seal any covenant between God and humanity, see Genesis 15:7-21. This is affirmed in Genesis 17 where in verse 7 God tells Abraham that His covenant with Abraham is an everlasting covenant, that is, it has no start or end as it is eternal and outside of time and space. We are Abraham's children by faith, see Galatians 3:7-9.

Paul reiterates this in Ephesians 1:4 where he tells the Ephesian church and Christians of all ages that "He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love." This a truth which is revealed by the Holy Spirit to those who believe and is something solid to rest on in the midst of the days in which we live and to share with God's people and those out-with His covenant.

However, this is not something which is given lightly by God. David writes in Psalm 25:14 "The secret of the LORD is with those who fear (have reverence for) Him, And He will show them His covenant." We are required by God to have reverence for Him and then He will reveal His covenant to us which will bring us into a place where He shall be our all in all. This knowledge of God's everlasting covenant requires us to understand that God has not only made a promise to bless us His people, but has bound Himself with an oath (binding agreement) sealed in the blood of his only begotten Son, see Hebrews 6:13-20. In the same way that the Trinity is bound together by a bond of eternal (no start and never ending) love, we have been brought into that same bond by the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour who is 'bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh'. Joy indeed!