



## **Ezekiel 36:22-32 II The New Covenant II Kirby Key**

**MAIN POINT: God will hallow His name by hallowing His people.**

"one can survive everything, nowadays, except death, and live down everything except a good reputation." **Oscar Wilde**

### **1. The Old Covenant and Israel's Past.**

*Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a **holy nation**.* - **Exodus 19:5-6**

*The Lord will establish you as a people holy to himself.... And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by **the name of the Lord**.* - **Deuteronomy 28:9-10**

*It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And **I will** vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. **I will** take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. **I will** sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And **I will** give you a new heart, and a new spirit **I will** put within you. And **I will** remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And **I will** put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules... - **Ezekiel 36:22-27***

"the perversity of the people is such that a kind of spiritual surgery is required: first its heart of stone has to be replaced by a heart of flesh, and then it can be infused with God's spirit." - **Robert Altar**

### **2. The New Covenant and the Church's Now.**

*This cup that is poured out for you is the **new covenant** in my blood.* - **Luke 22:20**

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a **holy nation**, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.* - **1 Peter 2:9**

"The goal of Exodus 19:6, the creation of a kingdom of priests and a holy people, is fulfilled in the church." - **Ian Duguid**

"the restoration of God's reputation requires the renovation of His people." - **David Reimer**

"The Holy Spirit is a gift worth more than heaven itself, and yet, to make men holy, God is willing to give his Holy Spirit upon very easy terms—they shall have it for asking. The Spirit is the author of all the holiness that is in man. It is he that most powerfully persuades men to holiness; it is he that presents holiness in its beauty and glory to the soul; it is he that sows seeds of holiness in the soul; and it is he that causes those seeds to grow up to maturity and ripeness. The Holy Spirit is a free gift, a noble gift, a precious gift, a glorious gift, that God will bestow upon the unclean, upon the unsanctified, that they may be cleansed and sanctified, and so fitted for the Lord's service." - **Thomas Brooks**

“The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.” - **Timothy Keller**

### **3. The New Covenant and the Church's Not Yet**

*The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall be ended. **Your people shall all be righteous**; they shall possess the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I might be glorified. - **Isaiah 60:19-21***