

The New Testament Church
 Christian Education Sunday
The Roots of Generational Transfer – Genesis 18:18-20
 Pastor Paul Jehle – September 12, 2021

I Generational Transfer – *the key to Christ's Kingdom continuity*

- A. Our church Core Values states, under the title of **A Multi-Generational Vision**
We affirm that the restoration of the family is critical to the continuity of the generations and the impact of Christianity on the earth. We affirm the conviction that children are a heritage of the Lord, and as such, Christian education is the responsibility of the parent. The Church's responsibility is to equip parents and extend, but not replace the education of children.
- B. We build this declaration on what is known as the Abrahamic Covenant
1. God gave a covenant to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3 – around 2,000 B.C.
 2. This covenant contained a blessing and a curse – it was conditional
 - a. ***I will bless you*** – a promise that He will bless us; but you can refuse it
 - b. ***You shall be a blessing*** – this is a promise that we will “bless the nations of the earth” and you can refuse to be a blessing – to serve others...
- C. There are conditions to this overall promise – Genesis 17-18
1. Genesis 17 – you must be **circumcised** to “be blessed” – Ro. 2:29 – **converted**
 2. Genesis 18 – to be a blessing is measured by how we **train** future generations
 - a. Ask God to **know** you – penetrate your life
 - b. To **keep** His ways – heart to heart
 - c. To be a blessing
 1. do **justice** (know God's standard) and
 2. **judgment** (how to implement it)
- D. This covenant is continued in the New Testament – Galatians 3:13-14; now it is through Christ spiritually in and through a new nation...

II The Roots of Generational Transfer – *what are passing to the next Generation*

- A. The Roots... - Deuteronomy 6:
1. The **heart** – love God with all your heart (sign on hand, teachable moments)
 2. The **mind** – with all your mind (frontlet between eyes, teaching diligently)
 3. The **character** – with all your strength; doorposts; the way we live
- B. The **vehicles** by which we Transfer
1. Grandparents (today is Grandparents Day; since 1978)
 - a. Not direct authority, but through influence – more than you realize
 - b. Teach, exhort, tell stories, suggest good books
 2. Parents – direct responsibility regardless of who you delegate education to
 3. Home Educators – taking full responsibility of education in many areas
 4. Church School Teachers – an extension of parents
 5. Missionaries in “public” schools – they need our prayers – a light of influence