

Message Nine
**The Rainbow—
the Consummation of the Experience
of the Christian Life and the Church Life**

MC *Hymns*: 18

Scripture Reading: Ezek. 1:28; Gen. 9:13; Rev. 4:2-3; 10:1; 21:19-20

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I. The rainbow is a sign of God’s faithfulness in keeping the covenant—Gen. 9:8-17:

- Gen 9:8 Then God spoke to Noah and to his sons with him, saying,
- Gen 9:9 And I Myself now establish My covenant with you and with your seed after you
- Gen 9:10 And with every living animal that is with you: the birds, the cattle, and every animal of the earth with you, of all that came out of the ark, every animal of the earth.
- Gen 9:11 And I establish My covenant with you, that never again will all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.
- Gen 9:12 And God said, This is the sign of the covenant which I am making between Me and you and every living animal that is with you, for perpetual generations:
- Gen 9:13 I set My bow in the clouds, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth.
- Gen 9:14 And when I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow is seen in the clouds,
- Gen 9:15 I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living animal of all flesh, and never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all flesh.
- Gen 9:16 And the bow will be in the clouds, and I will look upon it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living animal of all flesh that is upon the earth.
- Gen 9:17 And God said to Noah, This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth.
- A. “I set My bow in the clouds, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth”—v. 13:
1. In order to assure mankind that there would never again be a flood to destroy them and the earth, God made a covenant with Noah, with his seed, and with every animal—vv. 9-17.
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- Gen 9:17 And God said to Noah, This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth.
2. The rainbow is a sign that God is the One who establishes and keeps His covenant; the rainbow declares that God will keep His covenant.
 3. The rainbow, a token of God's covenant, signifies God's faithfulness; God's faithfulness is the rainbow—1 Cor. 1:9; 1 John 1:9:

1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

 - a. God Himself is faithfulness, and He is faithful to His word—1 Cor. 10:13; 1 Thes. 5:23-24.

1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has taken you except that which is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow that you be tempted beyond what you are able, but will, with the temptation, also make the way out, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Thes 5:23 And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thes 5:24 Faithful is He who calls you, who also will do it.
 - b. We have been spared by God's faithfulness, and now we have a rainbow as a sign of God's faithfulness.
- B. "There was a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance"—Rev. 4:3:
1. God is the God of life (jasper) and redemption (sardius)—v. 3:

Rev 4:3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance, and there was a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance.

 - a. The rainbow around His throne signifies that He is the covenanting God, the faithful God, who will keep His covenant while executing His judgment upon the earth—v. 3.

Rev 4:3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance, and there was a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance.
 - b. God will keep a part of mankind to be the nations on the new earth for His glory—21:24, 26.

Rev 21:24 And the nations will walk by its light; and the kings of the earth bring their glory into it.

Rev 21:26 And they will bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.
 2. The rainbow around the throne is like an emerald in appearance— 4:3:

Rev 4:3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance, and there was a rainbow around the throne like an emerald in appearance.

 - a. An emerald is a precious stone whose grass-green color signifies the lives on earth.
 - b. This indicates that as God is executing His judgment upon the earth, He will remember His covenant and spare some of the lives on earth, as indicated in Genesis 9:11.

Gen 9:11 And I establish My covenant with you, that never again will all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth.

C. “I saw another strong Angel [Christ] coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon His head”—Rev. 10:1:

1. The rainbow here indicates that Christ in His judgment upon the earth will keep the covenant that God made with Noah concerning the earth—Gen. 9:8-17.

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2. The rainbow indicates also that Christ will execute judgment according to the God who sits on the throne with the rainbow around it, the faithful and covenant-keeping God— Rev. 4:2-3.

Rev 4:2 Immediately I was in spirit; and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne there was One sitting;

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II. The experience of the Christian life and of the church life consummates in a rainbow—Ezek. 1:28; Rev. 4:3; 10:1; 21:19-20:

Ezek 1:28 Like the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud on a day of rain, such was the appearance of the brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and I heard the voice of someone speaking.

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A. God’s eternal purpose is to work Himself in Christ into us as our life and everything so that we may take Him as our person, live Him, and express Him; this is the desire of God’s heart and the focal point of the Bible—Eph. 1:9; 3:11, 16-17a; Phil. 1:20-21a:

Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,

Eph 3:11 According to the eternal purpose which He made in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Eph 3:16 That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man,

Eph 3:17a That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, ...

Phil 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death.

Phil 1:21a For to me, to live is Christ and ..

1. The central work of God is to build Himself in Christ into us, making us one with Him for His corporate expression— Gal. 4:19; Eph. 3:17a.
Gal 4:19 My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,
Eph 3:17a That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, ...
 2. Eventually, the Triune God and redeemed humanity will be united, mingled, incorporated, and built up as one entity— the New Jerusalem—Rev. 21:2, 10; 3:12.
Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
Rev 3:12 He who overcomes, him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name.
- B. According to God's plan, the spiritual things revealed in Ezekiel 1 begin with the wind and consummate with the rainbow—vv. 4, 28:
- Ezek 1:4 And I looked, and there came a storm wind from the north, a great cloud and a fire flashing incessantly; and there was a brightness around it, and from the midst of it there was something like the sight of electrum, from the midst of the fire.
- Ezek 1:28 Like the appearance of the rainbow that is in the cloud on a day of rain, such was the appearance of the brightness all around. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah. And when I saw it, I fell on my face and I heard the voice of someone speaking.
1. As a result of having a clear sky with the throne and of experiencing the man who has the appearance of electrum and a consuming fire, we will have the appearance of a rainbow—vv. 26-28.
Ezek 1:26 And above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, like the appearance of a sapphire stone; and upon the likeness of the throne was One in appearance like a man, above it.
Ezek 1:27 Then I saw something like the sight of electrum, like the appearance of fire encased all around, from the appearance of His loins and upward; and from the appearance of His loins and downward, I saw something like the appearance of fire. And there was brightness all around Him.
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 2. The rainbow is the brightness around the man who is sitting on the throne; this brightness signifies the splendor and glory around the Lord on the throne—v. 28.
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- C. A rainbow can be considered as being produced from the combining of three basic colors—blue, red, and yellow:
1. Blue, the color of God's sapphire throne, signifies God's righteousness; red, the color of the sanctifying fire, signifies God's holiness; and yellow, the color of electrum, signifies God's glory—Rom. 1:17; 3:21; 10:3; 6:19, 22; 3:23; 8:18, 21; 1 Cor. 1:30.
Rom 1:17 For the righteousness of God is revealed in it out of faith to faith, as it is written, "But the righteous shall have life and live by faith."
Rom 3:21 But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been manifested, witness being borne to it by the Law and the Prophets;
Rom 10:3 For because they were ignorant of God's righteousness and sought to establish their own righteousness, they were not subject to the righteousness of God.
Rom 6:19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to uncleanness and lawlessness unto

- lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness unto sanctification.
- Rom 6:22 But now, having been freed from sin and enslaved to God, you have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end, eternal life.
- Rom 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- Rom 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the coming glory to be revealed upon us.
- Rom 8:21 In hope that the creation itself will also be freed from the slavery of corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.
- 1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
2. Righteousness, holiness, and glory are the three divine attributes that keep sinners away from God—Gen. 3:24:
- Gen 3:24 So He drove the man out, and at the east of the garden of Eden He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword which turned in every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.
- a. The sword for killing indicates God’s righteousness (cf. Lam. 3:42-43; Rom. 2:5); the flame signifies God’s holiness (Deut. 4:24; 9:3; Heb. 12:29); and the cherubim signify God’s glory (Ezek. 9:3; 10:4; Heb. 9:5).
- Lam 3:42 We have transgressed and rebelled; / You have not pardoned.
- Lam 3:43 You have covered Yourself with anger and have pursued us; / You have slain; You have not spared.
- Rom 2:5 But, according to your hardness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,
- Deut 4:24 For Jehovah your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.
- Deut 9:3 Know therefore today that Jehovah your God is the One crossing over before you as a consuming fire; it is He who will destroy them, and it is He who will subdue them before you, so that you may dispossess them and destroy them quickly, as Jehovah has said to you.
- Heb 12:29 For our God is also a consuming fire.
- Ezek 9:3 And the glory of the God of Israel went up from the cherub on which it had been to the threshold of the house. And He called out to the man clothed in linen, who had the scribe’s inkhorn by his side.
- Ezek 10:4 And the glory of Jehovah rose up from the cherub to a place above the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was filled with the brightness of the glory of Jehovah.
- Heb 9:5 And above it cherubim of glory overshadowing the expiation cover, concerning which it is not now the time to speak in detail.
- b. Because fallen man was unable to fulfill the requirements of God’s righteousness, holiness, and glory, he was not permitted to contact God as the tree of life, until Christ fulfilled these requirements by His all- inclusive death on the cross to open a new and living way for us to enter into the Holy of Holies and partake of Christ as the tree of life—10:19-20; Rev. 22:14.
- Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness for entering the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus,
- Heb 10:20 Which entrance He initiated for us as a new and living way through the veil, that is, His flesh,
- Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.
3. The Lord Jesus died on the cross to satisfy the requirements of God’s righteousness, holiness, and glory, and now, in resurrection, He is our righteousness, holiness, and glory—1 Cor. 1:30:
- 1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
- a. Righteousness issues from God for His administration (Psa. 89:14a; 97:2; Isa.

- 32:1); now, in Christ, we are becoming the righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21).
- Psa 89:14a Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; ...
- Psa 97:2 Clouds and deep darkness surround Him; / Righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne.
- Isa 32:1 Indeed a King will reign according to righteousness, / And the rulers will rule according to justice.
- 2 Cor 5:21 Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- b. We become holy, even as God is holy (1 Pet. 1:15-16), by having God in us; we become more holy by being in God; and we become the holiest by being mingled, permeated, and saturated with God (1 Thes. 5:23).
- 1 Pet 1:15 But according to the Holy One who called you, you yourselves also be holy in all your manner of life;
- 1 Pet 1:16 Because it is written, "You shall be holy because I am holy."
- 1 Thes 5:23 And the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- c. Christ dwells in us as the hope of glory (Col. 1:27), and we are being transformed into His image from glory to glory (2 Cor. 3:18).
- Col 1:27 To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory,
- 2 Cor 3:18 But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.
4. Because we are in Christ, we bear Christ as righteousness, holiness, and glory; in the sight of God we look like righteousness, holiness, and glory, and we have the appearance of a rainbow—1 Cor. 1:30.
- 1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,
5. The reality of this rainbow must be wrought into us so that, as God's redeemed ones, we will have the appearance of a rainbow, bearing God's testimony; this means that we will bear God's righteousness, holiness, and glory—Ezek. 1:28; Rev. 4:2-3; 10:1; 21:19-20.
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6. Although this rainbow will be fully manifested in eternity, the spiritual reality of this bright rainbow should be manifested in the church today—1 Tim. 3:15-16:
- 1 Tim 3:15 But if I delay, I write that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth.
- 1 Tim 3:16 And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, / Justified in the Spirit, / Seen by angels, / Preached among the nations, / Believed on in the world, / Taken up in glory.

- a. In the church life we need to allow God to work in us, and we need to receive grace to the extent that everything becomes righteous, holy, and glorious—Phil. 2:12-13.
 - Phil 2:12 So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only but now much rather in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
 - Phil 2:13 For it is God who operates in you both the willing and the working for His good pleasure.
 - b. If we allow God’s holy fire to burn away everything that does not match Him so that His holy nature is manifested as gold through our humanity, the church will be filled with God’s righteousness, holiness, and glory—Eph. 3:21.
 - Eph 3:21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.
 - c. This righteousness, holiness, and glory will combine and reflect one another to form a bright rainbow expressing God and testifying for Him.
- D. The New Jerusalem has the appearance of a rainbow; the holy city looks like a rainbow—Rev. 21:19-20:
- Rev 21:19 The foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with every precious stone: the first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;
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1. The colors of the twelve layers of the foundations have the appearance of a rainbow, surrounding the eternal God as His testimony; this signifies that the entire city is built upon the eternal faithfulness of the faithful God:
 - a. The New Jerusalem is built upon and secured by God’s faithfulness in keeping His covenant— 4:2-3; 21:19-20.
 - Rev 4:2 Immediately I was in spirit; and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and upon the throne there was One sitting;
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 - b. In God’s economy we need to be constituted with the faithful God to be faithful even as He is faithful—1 Cor. 4:2; 7:25; 1 Tim. 1:12; 2 Tim. 2:13.
 - 1 Cor 4:2 Here, furthermore, it is sought in stewards that one be found faithful.
 - 1 Cor 7:25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord, but I give my opinion as one who has been shown mercy by the Lord to be faithful.
 - 1 Tim 1:12 I give thanks to Him who empowers me, Christ Jesus our Lord, that He has counted me faithful, appointing me to the ministry,
 - 2 Tim 2:13 If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.
 2. As the New Jerusalem in eternity, we, the aggregate of God’s saved ones, will be a rainbow testifying forever that our God is faithful—Rev. 21:2, 10, 19-20:
 - Rev 21:2 And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
 - Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in spirit onto a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,
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- a. By God's righteousness, holiness, and glory, we will have the appearance of a rainbow declaring to the whole universe God's saving faithfulness.
 - b. When this rainbow appears, God will have the fulfillment of the desire of His heart—Eph. 1:9.

Eph 1:9 Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself,
3. This eternal rainbow will be the consummation of the experience of the Christian life and the church life—Rev. 4:2-3; 10:1; 21:19-20.
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