

## FIVE SECOND SERMON

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How many brethren would be dancing in the aisles if I would preach this type of sermon! This little article has nothing to do with the length of a sermon-but we will talk about five different "seconds" mentioned in the Scriptures.

**Second Covenant.** "For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. "{Hebrews 8:7} The first covenant was a national one for Israel. The second would be an everlasting covenant-for all men. This "better covenant" was ushered in by the death of Christ on the cross, Colossians 2:14.

**Second Commandment.** "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" {Matthew 22:39} Our Lord said on these two commandments (the other loving Him) hangs all the laws and the prophets. A proper love for God is not enough. We must also love our fellow man enough to try and save his soul with the gospel of Christ.

**Second Man.** "The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven." {1 Corinthians 15:47} Adam was the first man, created from the dust of the ground by God. He brought death by transgression of God's law. The second man was Jesus Christ. He brought life to man-eternal life-by His death on the cross. Two men that brought two completely different things to mankind.

**Second Coming.** "So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation." {Hebrews 9:28} Christ has promised to come again, John 14:1-3. He will come to reward the faithful and bring destruction on the disobedient.

**Second Death.** "Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." {Revelation 20:14} Eternal separation from God – the worst death that men can choose. \*\*\*