

The Impact of Malcolm Smith on My Dad – Kent Hanby

Malcolm Smith is a Christian evangelist and teacher best known for *Power of the Blood Covenant*, a work that has shaped countless believers' understanding of salvation, identity, and the astonishing depth of God's commitment to humanity. Through Smith's teachings, my dad came to see that Jesus Christ's death and resurrection fully accomplished everything necessary for our salvation, our identity, and our relationship with God. The Christian life, as Malcolm emphasized, begins not with our effort but with the finished work of Jesus.

His teachings profoundly affected my dad. They empowered him to draw on the Spirit rather than on his own strength, healing the discouragement that comes from trying to earn God's approval. It opened his heart to a vibrant, living relationship with a God who is not distant, demanding, or conditional but intimately present and deeply loving.

Malcolm Smith's emphasis on grace over striving, the personal love of God, and the Spirit's guidance from within resonated deeply with my dad's longing for an authentic, committed walk with Christ. Through Malcolm's ministry, my dad came to understand God not as a stern overseer, but as gentle, faithful, and passionately committed to a real relationship with us through Jesus Christ.

Below are some quotes from Malcolm Smith that especially reflect this message:

“If we do not see that God is the Gift, we are inevitably left with a life that revolves around reward for good behavior and punishment for every infraction of the rules—a world in which everything hinges on what we do and promise to do.”

From Reward and Punishment

“God is love! He does not have love, as something added to Him... He *is* love. It is the way He is in His essential nature... To have water means my possession of it is subject to change... but to *be* water means I am never subject to change because it is what I am! God is the definition of love; love is the way He is. Agape.”

From Power of the Blood Covenant: Uncover the Secret Strength of God's Eternal Oath