

New Covenant Relationship

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The Bible reveals that God is a covenant making and keeping God. He desires His people to be in a covenant relationship with Himself. (Psalm 111:5,9) He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant. (9) He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name.

What is a Covenant?

A covenant is a mutual agreement or a contact between or involving two parties. Covenant (as in "agreement") *n.* : (Bible) an agreement between God and His people in which God makes certain promises and requires certain behavior from them in return.

In the Bible there are three things that constitute a covenant, they are: the promise of the covenant, the blood of the covenant, and the seal of the covenant. In the different covenants in the Bible we see that there was and is a special relationship between God and the one that enters into a covenant with Him.

Covenants of the Bible

Adamic Covenant - From a woman will come the Christ, the One who will redeem man from their sins.

Relationship, (Genesis 3:8-9) And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. (9) And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

Promise, (Genesis 3:15) And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Blood of an animal, (Genesis 3:21) Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Seal is the skin of the animal, (Genesis 3:21) Unto Adam also and to his wife did the Lord God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Noahic Covenant - Because Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord, the Lord would spare this righteous family and never again bring a global flood upon the earth.

Relationship, (Genesis 6:8-9) But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. (9) These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

Promise, (Genesis 9:11) And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth.

Blood of an animal, (Genesis 8:20) And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

Seal is the rainbow, (Genesis 9:13) I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth.

Abrahamic Covenant - Because of the relationship between Abraham and God, God would bless Abraham and his seed after him. From Abraham's descendants would come the promised Christ, and by Christ will all the nations of the earth be blessed.

Relationship, (James 2:23) And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Promise, (Genesis 12:1-3) Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: (2) And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: (3) And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

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Blood of an animal, (Genesis 15:9-10) And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. (10) And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not.

Seal is circumcision, (Genesis 17:10) This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

Mosaic Covenant - Because of Moses' relationship with the Lord, the Lord would deliver his people and bring them to the land that God promised Abraham.

Relationship, (Exodus 33:11) And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

Promise, (Exodus 3:7-8) And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; (8) And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Blood of an animal, (Hebrews 9:18-19) Whereupon neither the first *testament* was dedicated without blood. (19) For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people.

Seal is the Sabbath Day, (Exodus 31:13) Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it *is* a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* the Lord that doth sanctify you.

Davidic Covenant - Because of the relationship between David and God, God would bless David and his seed after him. From David's descendants would come the promised Christ, and from the Christ comes the everlasting covenant.

Relationship, (Acts 13:22) And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the *son* of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

Promise, (Psalm 89:3-4) I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, (4) Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.

Blood of an animal, (2 Samuel 6:17) And they brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the Lord.

Seal is the Sun and Moon, (Psalm 89:37) It shall be established for ever as the moon, and *as* a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

New Covenant - The promised Christ is here, and He shall bless all the nations of the world. As we develop our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, we first put our trust in Him. We then are circumcised in our hearts as we repent and are sealed with His name in water baptism, and sealed with His Spirit as we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Relationship, (John 1:12) But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name.

Promise, (John 3:16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Blood of Christ, (1 John 1:7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

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Sealed with Christ in water baptism, (Colossians 2:11-12) In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: (12) Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

Sealed with the Spirit of promise, (Ephesians 1:13-14) In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, (14) Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

The New Testament Church and the New Covenant

The New Testament Church is under the New Covenant. (1 Corinthians 11:25) After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.

This Covenant is the everlasting one that God gave to Abraham. (Galatians 3:14-16, 29) That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (15) Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto. (16) Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. (29) And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

There will never be another Covenant, this is the everlasting one. (Hebrews 13:20) Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.

Entering into the New Covenant

Accepting the promise of the covenant through faith. (Hebrews 11:6) But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Accepting the name of Christ. (Acts 2:38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Accepting and receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38-39) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (39) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call.

The New Covenant Seal is the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit of promise.

The Name,

(Galatians 3:27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (Revelation 22:4) And they shall see his face; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.

The Holy Spirit of promise,

(Ephesians 1:13) In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.

(Ephesians 4:30) And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.