

Blood Covenant

Student Edition

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THE BLOOD COVENANT

Lesson 1: Introduction to the Blood Covenant

I. God's purpose in covenant

God's purpose in a covenant is to be in _____

"The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant." Psalm 25:14

The Hebrew word for covenant is _____

The word means _____

A covenant is more than an agreement or contract. A covenant is a joined alliance. A covenant is made when two or more parties enter into a binding relationship to one another. A blood covenant is the strongest contract that can be made and should not be broken unless there is a death.

II. Significance of a blood covenant

The significance of blood is the _____ it contains.

Leviticus 17:11 says, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement." (NASB)

A Hebrew verb used together with covenant is _____

The word means _____

When these two Hebrews words are put together, it literally means, "to cut covenant." This term describes the cutting necessary for blood to flow.

When a person enters into a covenant of blood, they are not entering into it lightly. The blood is symbolic of the giving of life itself to join with another in an everlasting bond of relationship.

III. Our purpose for studying the blood covenant

A. It's important to understand and explain _____

1 Peter 3:15 "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."

B. The blood covenant is one thread that ties _____

The Bible has two divisions – the Old Testament and the New Testament. The word "testament" means covenant. The Old Testament refers to the covenant God made with mankind based on the blood of animals. The New Testament refers to the covenant God made with mankind based on the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ.

C. The blood covenant sets Christianity apart _____

There is no other religion where a righteous Savior dies to pay for the sins of the people and rises again. If there was another way, then there would have been no reason for Jesus to go through what He went through for our salvation. Jesus is the only way.

John 14:6 "...I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

D. We can learn and then receive _____

Romans 8:17 "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ."

E. We can recognize how to better _____

IV. God's Covenant Will Not Fail

A. God _____ the covenant

B. God _____ the covenant

C. God has the _____ to back the covenant

V. Covenant Types

Covenants have been made throughout history by many different people groups, not just the Jews. Sometimes blood was involved, other times just the exchanging of items and promises made.

A. Person to Person

Covenants being made between two or more people are entered into by mutual agreement.

1. Friendship

David and Jonathan, *1 Samuel 18, 20*

2. Marriage

Marriage, *Genesis 2:24*

3. Governments

People groups like Abimelech and Abraham, *Genesis 21:22-34*
Abimelech and Isaac *Genesis 26:26-29*

B. God to Person

The Greek word for covenant is _____

V. Conclusion

In some cases, a covenant end is necessary; however, many marriages, friendships, businesses, and governments fail because the covenant relationship is not understood, honored, maintained, protected, or restored. Studying the blood covenant will help us to:

- Know God and His covenant blessings.
- Better recognize our covenants with people
- Realize how Christianity is different from other religions
- Comprehend how the Bible is tied together
- Be more informed and be able to teach about God's Word with others

Assignment:

- Read Genesis 1-4
- Read "The Marriage Covenant" handout

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Reading Assignment: The Marriage Covenant

MARRIAGE IS A COVENANT

Marriage is a covenant where a man and a woman give up their independence to enter a union with one another.

When we respect covenant:

- We respect our marriage and our spouse.

We love, honor, and cherish that person in our conversation and our behavior. We do not entertain the thought of a venture with another person because we love our spouse and we respect our covenant.

People who have been damaged or stolen from may have difficulty in relationships. This includes persons who have even stepped into sin and brought some dysfunctional behavior into their own life. They most definitely need God to make them whole so they have a healthy thought life, boundaries, and behaviors. They also need to establish boundaries and find accountability. Some even need deliverance from the possession or oppression of a demonic spirit.

- We respect someone else's marriage

When we respect God and covenant, we dare not try to separate even the affection that another person has for their spouse.

We don't intentionally flirt, which is tempting someone to sin. People who flirt are usually looking for value, approval, attention, and sometimes power. Let's be careful not to cause a brother or sister to stumble, even in their thought life.

We set some boundaries for what is appropriate and inappropriate. When someone is in need of nurturing or validation, let's send them to an appropriate source of help. Many affairs start in the soul.

- We express our respect for marriage to others, especially those of the faith.

We should teach a younger generation that the physical union of sex is a covenant act for a man and a woman that are in a marriage covenant. In the Old Testament, sex outside of marriage was deserving of death because of its transgression on covenant. The principle applies in the New Testament, that sex outside of marriage is a sin.

We respect the person, not even playing around with their affections. Even if the other person is asking for it, we treat that person like it was our brother or sister.

We show them their value, even if he or she doesn't know their value – especially when he or she does not know their value.

We teach that marriage is a union between one man and one woman. The sexual appetite does not set the standard for what is right and wrong; God's Word is our standard.

We should not expect a naturally minded person to understand a spiritual concept without knowing the rebirth and indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Our approach should be sharing the truth in love.

1. The two become one

Genesis 2:18-25

2. God is the joiner

Matthew 19:6

3. Death of one spouse concludes the covenant

Romans 7:1-3

There are no marriage covenants in heaven.

Matthew 22:30; Mark 12:25

4. The significance of blood

Deuteronomy 22:13-17

Marriage is a blood covenant. God made females with a thin membrane called the hymen. The first time a woman has intercourse, the hymen is broken and there is a small flow of blood. The intended design was for a male virgin and a female virgin to marry and only experience physical union with one another.

When a person marries who is not a virgin, they are still entering into a covenant. That union is not any less of a marriage union.

ADULTERY AND OTHER SEXUAL SINS

Sex is not sin when it is between a husband and his wife. It is pure, loving and beautiful.

Adultery refers to a spouse who becomes sexually involved with someone else. Adultery is a covenant violation. In Malachi the term “deal treacherously” literally means “to break covenant.”

Malachi 2:14-16

Fornication is a Bible term that typically references sexual sin of people who unmarried persons or two persons who are not married to each other. Sex is a covenant act, whether you are married or not. Paul said that sex with a harlot is becoming one with her and then quotes Genesis “the two shall become one flesh.”

I Corinthians 6:16

Attraction is an appreciation for the beauty of another person, inside or out. Attraction becomes lust when the person thinks on having sex with a person he or she is not married to.

Jesus, in an attempt to show the Jews they could not keep the law perfectly, told them that lust was breaking the law just as much as committing the act of adultery itself. Therefore we know that any impure sexual thoughts, imaginations or fantasies are sinful.

Matthew 5:28

DIVORCE

Divorce is when a person decides to end the marriage covenant.

No one marries with the intention of getting a divorce. Just as there is a binding together of two hearts in love, there is a painful tearing apart when someone goes through divorce. Not only are two people torn apart, but their children, families, and friends can feel the pain of a covenant ripped apart. However, divorce is forgivable. God is merciful to us and He is able to restore our broken hearts through His merciful love.

Every divorce story is different and often very personal. There was most likely extreme pain experienced because of heartache, infidelity, abuse, disappointment, or failure. Do you know that God is merciful? God is poetically said to have collected all our tears into a bottle. He not only cares about our hurts, but He understands and wants to heal and restore our heart, soul, and body.

Psalms 56:8

1. God hates divorce.

Malachi 2:6

God knows the pain involved in the tearing of hearts that were once joined together.

2. Divorce is a sin, a sin that is forgivable.

Matthew 5:32; 19:6

3. Adultery is grounds for divorce unless there is restoration

When the Pharisees came to Jesus to test Him, they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?" Matthew 19:1-9

Jesus replied that we should not separate what God has joined together.

The Pharisees continued to question Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" Jesus replied, "because of the hardness of your hearts." He said, "From the beginning it was not so."

Brother Kenneth Hagin said, "The love of God has never been to a divorce court." If a man and woman never hurt one another, there would be no divorce. Furthermore, if when they hurt one another but there was repentance and forgiveness; there would not be a divorce.

Jesus goes on to say "And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery."

Legally speaking, as a Jew, sexual immorality is a covenant violation and calls for execution. However, if they did not put the violator to death, sexual immorality is a covenant breaker; therefore giving the other one grounds for divorce. Divorce is not God's plan. However, divorce is forgivable. Adultery is forgivable as seen in the life of Hosea, the life of King David, and in the heart of God. Some couples that have gone through adultery have chosen to forgive and renew their vows.

Psalms 51

REMARRIAGE

If there is a new marriage after a divorce, it is a new covenant. For a new marriage to thrive, the soul ties from the old marriage have to die. If children are involved, the parents will need to set boundaries for how they will raise they will raise their children and honor a current covenant.

SUMMARY

Marriage doesn't complete us; God completes us.

We must learn to receive and walk in the love of God throughout our life. We must allow God's love and salvation give us wholeness in every area of our mind, emotions, and heart. You are one whole person and your spouse is one whole person. There is no such thing as a better half.

God does not condemn us. He saves us. He asks for our surrender. In our surrender, God will guide us whether we are single, married, divorced, remarried, or widowed.

We can enjoy our covenant relationships as we invite the Holy Spirit to come in and navigate them. There is a blessing in the marriage covenant and in love.

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Lesson 2: The First and Second Adam

I. God's covenant with Adam

A. Adam was the first person to be _____

Hosea 6:7 "But like Adam, you broke My covenant and betrayed My trust." New Living Translation

In other translations, the phrase used is "dealt treacherously." In the Septuigent, the corresponding verb for "dealt treacherously" is "covenant breaking."¹ (see Malachi 2:15)

Because the Spirit of God referred to Adam as a covenant breaker through the prophet Hosea, we know that God considered His relationship with Adam to have been a covenant from the start.

B. The sin of _____

TEXT: *Genesis 3:1-5*

1. One with God

God is our _____

Without God, we are _____

2. The Lie

Genesis 3:5 "you will be like God."

Adam and Eve wanted to be _____

Adam's decision to disobey _____

¹ Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, pg. 135

3. The Consequence of Sin

1. The price: death

Turning away from God was _____

Separation from God _____

Genesis 2:16, 17 “dying you shall die”

Adam knew the _____

1 Timothy 2:14

Romans 6:23 “The wages of sin is death...”

Through Adam’s sin, sin entered the world and passed on to every person.

Romans 5:12 “Therefore, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned”

Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

2. The debt: owing life

a. The sin problem

Sin has _____ us from God

Isaiah 59:2 “But your iniquities have separated you from your God...”

b. Sin as master

Sin had _____

Romans 6:16 “Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?”

c. Mankind was legally bound to _____

Isaiah 28:15-18

Man was in covenant with death and had a pact with Shoel. Satan held us in his power because of the debt we owed.

II. The Covering

A. The blood

Life is the _____

Hebrews 9:22 "Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin."

Life is in the blood; therefore, blood is required.

B. Atonement

Lev. 17:11 "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul."

The Hebrew word for atone is "kaphar" and it means _____

The blood of animals could not remove sin or cancel the debt to sin, but the life given by the blood of animals could cover sins.

C. Adam

1. The need for a covering

a. Adam saw his _____

Genesis 3:7

They saw they were naked; they saw their need for a covering. In their own attempt, they made an insufficient covering of leaves.

Isaiah 64:6a "But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are like filthy rags..."

"We are all infected and impure with sin. When we display our righteous deeds, they are nothing but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves, we wither and fall, and our sins sweep us away like the wind." NLT

b. God's Response

Genesis 3:21

Blood was _____

God killed an animal to make coverings of animal skins for Adam and Eve.

2. Adam's Children

a. Abel gave from a heart of _____

Genesis 4:3,4

Adam's children were taught to give a blood sacrifice.

Hebrews 11:4 "By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks."

b. Cain gave from a heart of _____

Genesis 4:3-5

Cain wanted to bring the work of his hands instead of obeying God and offering blood.

1 John 3:12 "Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous."

Jude 11 "What sorrow awaits them! For they follow in the footsteps of Cain, who killed his brother..." NLT

III. The Second Adam

A. Adam was the first _____

God's covenant was with Adam, and Adam broke that covenant for Himself and for everyone that came in line after him, including Eve. The result was sin and death.

Romans 5:12 "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned – "

B. Jesus was the second _____

This term refers to Jesus being born as the second man being born without sin. Only this man, Jesus, chose to keep His covenant with God. In addition, He gave His spotless blood for God to create a new covenant. After dying physically and spiritually, Jesus was the first born from the dead, bringing us to new life in a new covenant union with God.

Romans 5:17 "For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Assignment:

Read Genesis 15-17

Read "Hebrew Covenant Rituals"

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Assignment: Hebrew Covenant Rituals

HEBREW COVENANT RITUALS

The following rituals were practiced by the Hebrews in their blood covenants. These rituals have variations, but they usually will contain these elements. These rituals give us insight into God's covenant with us.²

1. Exchange Coats

Both partners would take off their coats and exchange them. They are symbolically saying "This is all of who I am and I give myself to you." They are choosing to love the other person as they love themselves.

2. Exchange Belts

The belt holds the weapons. When they take off their belts and give them to each other they are pledging their strength and protection. It is like saying, "If anyone attacks you, they are attacking me. Your battles are my battles and mine are yours."

3. Make Incision

The Hebrews would take an animal and cut it down the middle. They stand in between the pieces with their backs to each other. They walk through the bloody halves, making a figure eight, and come back to a stop facing each other. It is like saying, "We are giving up our rights. We die to ourselves." They now begin a new walk with their blood covenant partner to the death.

Jeremiah 34:18 cut a calf in two. From Vine's Expository of New Testament Words, we read, "In such a covenant the one passing through the pieces pledged his faithfulness to the covenant. If that faithfulness was broken, he called death upon himself, or the same fate which befell the animals."

² The Miracle of the Scarlet Thread by Richard Booker

4. Mix Blood

They would raise their right arms, cut their palms and bring them together so the blood would mix. The blood is the life, so it is symbolic of the intermingling of their life with another. It is like saying, "I'm in you and you are in me. We are one."

5. Exchange Names

They each would take the other's last name and make it part of their own name. This is why, in many cultures, the wife takes the name of the husband in marriage. They are identified as being in a covenant.

6. Make a Scar

The Hebrews would rub the incision to make a scar as a permanent testimony to the covenant. In some countries, ashes were rubbed into the scar to make it a gray color. The scar served as a sign or a reminder of the covenant. It was also known as a seal or a testimony of the covenant.

7. Give Covenant Terms

This is the part of the covenant where they would declare their union. They would state all assets and liabilities that are shared. If one would die, the other would take responsibility for the family and raise the children. They are one in responsibility, one in fortune, and one in debt. Everything that one had would belong to the other. It was like having a joint bank account. If I need it, I take it because it belongs to both of us. They also would state blessings and cursings of the covenant. Promises were given by oath and curses were warned if the covenant were ever to be broken. Their words were not taken lightly. They knew if they said it, they bound themselves to it.

8. Eat Memorial Meal

The bread would represent all that a person has come into the other. The wine would represent the life that is in one coming into the other. They were no longer two, but one. You in me and I in you.

9. Make a Memorial

The Hebrews would many times plant a tree and sprinkle blood on it as a living testimony for generations to come. Another possibility would be to write on a stone. Another would be to give a gift like a sheep that would be a reminder of the covenant. Children and grandchildren would choose if they wanted to continue the covenant.

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Lesson 3: God's Covenant with Abraham

I. God cuts a covenant with Abraham

TEXT: Genesis 15 – 16

A. Sarai was _____

Genesis 15:1-3

B. God makes a _____ promise for descendants

Genesis 15:4-5

Abraham was 75 years old when he first heard the promise (Genesis 12:4).

C. Abram _____ God

Genesis 15:6

Galatians 3:8 "And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, 'In you all the nations shall be blessed.'"

Habakkuk 2:4; Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38

- James 2:21-23

Abraham was called the "friend" of God. "Friend" was known to be a covenant term. It was like saying, "You are my covenant partner."

- Romans 4:1-11

Abraham believed God and he was considered, or counted to be, as one who had received righteousness, or right-standing with God.

D. God made a _____

Genesis 15:7-8

E. God cut a _____ with Abram

Genesis 15:9-21

Animals were cut into pieces and God passed between the pieces. In covenant, animals were cut in two and the covenant partners would pass through them, as if to say, "I will suffer the fate of these animals if I do not keep the covenant. See Jeremiah 34:18

Hebrews 6:13-18

God swore by Himself, no one greater to swear by. In other words, as though God said, "I will cease to be God if I do not perform this."

II. Symbolism

A. God promises _____

"I am your exceedingly great reward." All that I am is yours. *Genesis 15:1*

B. God promises to _____

God told Abraham that He would protect him. *Genesis 15:1* "I am your shield."

C. God _____ the covenant

Genesis 15:9-18

D. God exchanged _____

God's name is YHWH. He took part of His name and added it to theirs.

Genesis 17:5

Abram meant "exalted father." Abraham means "father of a multitude."

Genesis 17:15

Sarai became Sarah. Sarah means "Princess." Both meant princess, but the second had one of God's letters added to it.

E. Make a _____

Circumcision is a sign of the blood covenant (Genesis 17:10).

F. Make covenant _____

God promises the land of Canaan after making a covenant agreement with Abraham (Genesis 15:18-21, 17:7-8).

III. Beyond our limits

Genesis 16:1-16

A. Waiting is _____

Abram and Sarai were discouraged. Not only was Sarai barren, not only had she most likely had gone through menopause; but it was also ten years since he first heard the promise. Abram was now 85 years old.

B. The _____ for a need

The purpose in Sarai's barrenness was for a miracle. What they could not do on their own, God would do. He was in covenant with them, so all God was, all He had, and all He could do was at their disposal.

C. Remember _____

D. Self-sufficiency _____

Read Galatians 4:21 – 5:26

Assignment:

Read Genesis 17-22

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Lesson 4: Abraham's Faith is Tested

I. Isaac is Born

Genesis 17:1-17

A. God approaches Abraham on _____

1. God reveals Himself as El Shaddai

- Abraham is 99 years old. It's been 24 years since God promised Abraham and Sarah a son.
- God calls Himself El Shaddai, meaning, "God Almighty." The name means, "All powerful." El is the singular form of Elohim. Shaddai is a compound word from "sheh" meaning "who" and "day" meaning "sufficient" to mean "the all sufficient one."³ He is the God who is more than enough. God is eternally capable of being all that His people need. God is telling Abraham of His power and ability to do what He promised.

2. God repeats His _____ to Abraham

- The promise was more than Abraham's descendants. God promised nations, more than one people group. God promised kings, people with authority and power that would come through his lineage.
- Verse 7 "I will establish My covenant between Me and you..." The word for "establish" is the Hebrew word "quwm" #6965, and it means "to raise up, to establish, to confirm, to stand, to be valid, to fix, to be proven, to be fulfilled, to be set." God gave a promise when He cut covenant with Abraham, and now He was preparing to fulfill that promise."
- Verse 9 God told Abraham his responsibility and his descendants responsibility was to keep the covenant. The Hebrew word for "keep" is "shamar" #8104 and it means "to keep, guard, observe, and give heed."

³ Spirit Filled Life Bible

- Circumcision was an outward sign of the covenant with the Jews under the old covenant. It was a cutting of the flesh. The mark of the covenant would always be in the flesh as a sign of covenant. It was also symbolic of salvation and the new birth to come in Christ. Verse 14, the refusal to circumcise a male child was considered a breaking of the covenant and a cause for a Jew to be cut off from his people.

3. Abraham _____

Romans 4:19 "And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb."

Romans 4:20-22 "He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 21) and being fully convinced that what He has promised He was also able to perform. And therefore it was accounted to him for righteousness."

B. God protects _____

Genesis 18-20

1. Abraham intercedes for Sodom
2. God warns Abimelech

C. Isaac is _____

1. The Lord visited Sarah.
2. Sarah conceived at the set time

Isaac means _____

II. Abraham's faith is confirmed

A. God _____ Abraham

1. Testing allow action

Genesis 22:1

The Bible in both testaments are filled with examples of being tested or proven.

It is easy to say that we are relying upon God, however, when faith is tested, we get to put action to our faith.

In some Bible translations, the word "tempt" is used instead of "test." God does not tempt us as if to draw us into sin, because God would never attract us with what is evil. James 1:13

When God tested Abraham, he wanted to give Abraham the opportunity to act on his faith. Faith without action is merely belief, not reliance.

Read James 2:14-22

2. Abraham's _____ son

Genesis 22:2

John 3:16 God's only begotten son. Isaac was a type of Christ.

B. Abraham _____ God

1. Abraham knew Isaac would _____

Genesis 1:5 "And Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you.'"

Hebrews 11:17-19 "(19)concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense."

2. Abraham saw _____

Genesis 22:4 "Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off."

It is believed that Jesus was also crucified on Mt. Moriah.

John 8:56 “Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it was glad.”

C. God provided _____

- Abraham named that place “Jehovah Jirah” meaning “The Lord Will Provide.”
- God provided a ram

Verse 15-18

A second time the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven saying, “By Myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son- blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”

The sacrifice was illustrative of Christ and of our faith in Him.

Galatians 3:7-8 “7) Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. 8) And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the Gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, ‘In you all the nations shall be blessed. 9) So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.”

D. Abraham’s life instructs us about _____

Hebrews 6:13-18

Assignment: Read Exodus 12

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Lesson 5: The Exodus and the Passover Meal

I. God's Covenant with Abraham

A. The old covenant started with _____

B. God knew the future of Abraham's _____

Genesis 15:12-18

They would grow into a nation underneath another government.

Genesis 15:12-18

C. Abraham's descendants would _____

Exodus 2:23-25

God caused Abraham's descendants to _____

God remembered His _____

To "remember" doesn't mean that God forgot. It means God "prepared to act on."

II. God calls Moses

A. There was a call to _____ on Moses' life

B. Moses made a choice for _____

Hebrews 11:24-27

Acts 7:17-36

C. God called Moses to do something that was _____

Exodus 3:1-4:17

D. Moses' faith is shown in how he _____

Hebrews 11:23-29

III. The Exodus

As exodus is a mass departure of people.

Not only did prophecy foretell the progression of history; but God also allowed the Israelites' experience to be an illustration to us of the freedom we have in Christ.

Galatians 4:1-31

A. God sent ten plagues as demonstration of God's _____

Pharaoh didn't want to let the Israelites go, and _____
doesn't want to let you go.

B. The only way to escape death was through _____

There was only one way to freedom
Exodus 3:19-22

The Passover illustrates Jesus
Exodus 13:2; John 3:16

C. The Passover was the first of _____

D. The Egyptians sent the Israelites out with _____

Exodus 12:29-36

IV. Jesus fulfilled in the Passover

II Corinthians 5:6-8

A. The Triumphal Entry was the 10th of the month Aviv or Abib,

B. Jesus participated in _____

C. Jesus was crucified on the fourteenth day of Aviv

D. _____ comes from the Passover meal.

II Corinthians 11:23-34

Assignment: Take communion at home

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Lesson 6: The Old Covenant

I. The purpose of the Law

The purpose of the Law was to show mankind's _____
to achieve righteousness by his own merit.

Galatians 3:24 "The Law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith..."

The Law was a list of do's and don't's to make the people knowledgeable of what was obedience and what was sin (Romans 3:10-20, specifically 19-20).

Romans 3:19, 20 "19) Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20) Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

Our attempts at keeping the rules in our strength will always _____

Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

We need help, God's grace, _____

Ephesians 2:8, 9 "8) For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9) not of works, lest anyone should boast."

The Old Testament shows God's grace through and through. His ability to take those past generations through supernatural miracles is a demonstration of His goodness and His power.

The Old Testament was also based on faith. Even though the Law was put in place, a relationship with God was still about love, trust, and dependency.

II. Israel Enters Into Covenant

A. The importance of the Old Covenant

The Old Covenant is important to learn about because it gives us deeper understanding of who God is, how God moves, and the rich meaning behind the New Covenant. Jesus, Paul, Peter and others preached from the Old Testament because it is valuable to us. It is still living and active for speaking into our lives.

B. God approaches Israel

God reveals the plan
Exodus 6:1-8

1. God revealed as _____

Vv. 2, 3

2. Becoming _____

Vs. 7

3. The promise _____

Vs. 8

B. God's _____ was with Israel

Exodus 13:20-22

C. God gives the _____

D. Israel _____ to the covenant

Exodus 24

1. Covenant terms

Vs. 3 *"All the words which the Lord has spoken we will do."*

2. Covenant memorial

Vs. 4 altar

3. The blood sacrifice

Vv. 5-8

4. Memorial meal

Vv. 9-11

When Israel accepted God's covenant, the ten commandments were not yet given on stone. Exodus 31:18

Galatians 3:15-18

The Old Covenant was not based on the _____

The Old Covenant was based on _____

Romans 4:1-9,13

The Old Covenant was established by _____

Faith was counted for _____

Galatians 3:19-25

The Law was a _____

Acts 13:38, 39 [NIV] "Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses."

III. Psalm 23

Faith has always been resting in the faithfulness and goodness of God's love. Resting being a dependence on the One who created us. Reading the Old Testament from this perspective gives us an accurate portrayal of God under the Old Covenant.

Sheep are animals who need a shepherd. Without a shepherd, sheep will wander their own way and get lost. The lost sheep will die from starvation or thirst or by a predator. Is there any question to why God would use a sheep to illustrate a person disconnected from Him? Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10).

Reading assignment: "God's Dwelling Place"

The Blood Covenant

Assignment: God's Dwelling Place

A. God's dwelling place

The Hebrew word for tabernacle (miskan) means "dwelling place." God wanted to come near His people. God knew they were not complete without Him. That is how he created us to be – joined with Him. Apart from God we are lost. God wanted to be known by all of Israel.

B. Detailed instructions

Exodus 25-31

God gave Moses detailed instruction for the building of the Tabernacle.

Exodus 25:1-8 The freewill offerings of the people would provide the physical materials for the Tabernacle where God would dwell among His people. These freewill offering would also provide the physical materials for all the furniture and all the garment for the priesthood.

Most if not all of this material came from the spoiling of the Egyptians. The first mention of this was to Abraham in Genesis 15:14. It was told to Moses again in Exodus 3:20-22 and the actual occurrence took place in Exodus 12:33-36.

If what they freely gave came from God. He knew hundreds of years ahead of time how he would provide for His dwelling place. Our resources, our abilities, and our strength comes from the Lord alone. The very breath we breathe comes from Him.

Even what we have in our hands to surrender to God, HE has provided. It's the surrender God requires.

II Corinthians 9:10

God gave specific instructions. There is meaning in much of the instruction, but even following the instructions required surrender.

1. The furniture
2. The lumber and curtains
3. The garments for the priesthood
4. The anointing oil and incense
5. The skilled workers to sew, build, and sculpt

C. Atonement

God knew that no one could keep the Law perfectly. The Law pointed to our need for a Redeemer. The blood of animals could only cover man's sin.

1. Continual sacrifices

Exodus 29:10-46

The continual sacrifices, the evening and morning sacrifices, of animals made a way for God to be able to come near the people. Vs. 38-46

2. Annual sacrifice

Leviticus 16

D. Now God lives inside the born again believer

I Corinthians 6:19
II Corinthians 6:16
II Timothy 1:14
Romans 8:11
I John 2:27
John 14:15-16

THE BLOOD COVENANT

Lesson 7: The New and Better Covenant

I. The old covenant was not _____

A. Sin dominated _____

Romans 6:16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?

B. The blood of animals could only _____

Hebrews 10:4 "it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins."

C. It could not give _____

Galatians 3:21 "Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law."

D. It was _____ and _____

Hebrews 7:18 For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,⁴

E. It could not _____

Acts 13:39 and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

F. The Law showed us our _____

Romans 3:19 Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

⁴ Romans 8:3

II. God had a _____

- A. The motive for a new covenant was _____

John 3:16, 17 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. 17) For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved."

- B. Jesus took _____

Jesus was born to die. It was the ultimate sacrifice. He counted the cost for our salvation and He considered that we were worth it.

Man owed a debt that he could not pay. A sinless life was required to pay the debt to release us from the prison of sin and death.

The only way Jesus could enter this world as a man was to be born into it as we were.

Philippians 2:5-8 "5) Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6) who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7) but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8) And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross."

- C. The blood of Jesus removed the _____

Hebrews 10:10 "By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Hebrews 4:15 "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin."

III. What Jesus Accomplished

- A. At the cross

1. Jesus became _____

II Corinthians 5:21 "He (God) made Him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

He didn't just take sin upon Him; He became sin.

Numbers 21

2. Jesus became a _____

Galatians 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.")

3. Jesus paid the price with His _____

Colossians 2:14,15 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

B. Jesus Went to Sheol

1. Jesus was separated from _____

Matthew 27:45-46

Psalm 22:1

Luke 16

2. Jesus _____

Ephesians 4:8,9 8 "8) Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." 9 (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?

When He died, Jesus said, "Into Your hands I commit my spirit."
Luke 23:48, Psalm 31:5

Jesus' death was not only a physical death, but also a spiritual separation.

His blood paid the price, causing travail in His soul, spiritual death.
Isaiah 53:11, Acts 2:22-31, Psalm 88:1-8, Psalm 71:20, 21

It was prophesied that Jesus would lead out the captives. When in Sheol, Jesus preached and souls were freed from the grip of death.

Zephaniah 9:11
Psalm 68:18

Psalm 49:15 "God will redeem my soul from the power of Sheol; for He will receive me."

Hebrews 13:14 "I will ransom them from the power of Sheol; I will redeem them from death. O Death, where are your thorns? O Sheol, where is your sting?"

I Corinthians 15:54, 55 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55) "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

Isaiah 25:8 "He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the Lord has spoken."

C. Jesus Resurrected

1. Jesus raised by the _____

Once the price had been paid by the blood of Jesus, the way was made for God to raise His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:11 "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

Hebrews 13:20 "Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the Great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord."

Romans 4:25 "who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification."

Philippians 2:9-11 "9) Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11) and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

Acts 2:24 [Amplified] But God raised Him up, releasing Him and bringing an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in death's power.

2. Jesus came out of the grave and then _____

John 20:17

Ephesians 4:9,10 "Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10) He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

IV. The Description of a Covenant in Christ

A. N _____

*Hebrews 9:15 5 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the **new** covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.*

B. S _____

*Hebrews 8:7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a **second**.*

C. B _____

*Hebrews 7:22 by so much more Jesus has become a surety of a **better** covenant.*

Hebrews 8:6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

Reading Assignment: "What is the Significance of Water Baptism?"

What is the Significance of Water Baptism?

By Melanie Stone

If you don't understand the meaning of water baptism, you are not alone! Standing in a tank of water alongside someone who is getting ready to dunk you is not something most people do every day. Some people get water baptized simply because that is what the preacher said to do. Some people get water baptized because other people are doing it. However, when you understand the significance of water baptism, your decision to be baptized can be profound.

Water baptism is symbolic of our salvation through Jesus Christ. Our salvation includes eternal life; it also includes wholeness in spirit, soul, and body. Our salvation includes soundness in mind and emotions, peace in turmoil, physical healing, financial provision, and freedom from bondages, just to name a few. Water baptism is not just a natural experience; water baptism can be a miraculous, spiritual experience.

I have a pastor friend who had a skin condition when he was water baptized. When he came up out of the water, his skin had been instantly and miraculously healed! The rash he had was completely gone!

Where it all started

We read about water baptism in the New Testament, starting with John the Baptist, a prophet who foretold about the coming ministry of Jesus Christ. However, before then, immersion in water was not unfamiliar to the Jewish people. Prior to the life of Christ on the earth, Jews would immerse other Jews in water for times of purification or to convert a person to Judaism.⁵

When John the Baptist began his ministry, he was calling Jewish to be immersed in water, but it was for a different reason. John preached a message of repentance in preparation for the coming Messiah. This was a big deal for the Jews. At this time they were underneath the rule of the Romans. The Messiah was promised to deliver Israel from oppression and rule over them as their King. John was preaching it was time to get ready for the coming of their promised King (Read Matthew 3:13-17).

Jesus came out to John to be water baptized. John recognized and identified Jesus as the Messiah. John resisted baptizing Jesus, saying that he was in need of being baptized by Him. Jesus answered, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." This illustrated the death that Jesus would die for us. When John baptized Jesus, God confirmed Jesus as the Messiah by opening the heavens, sending the Holy Spirit, and letting the people hear His voice saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Imagine being on the bank of the Jordan River on that day! If you were a Jew, this event had great significance! This was your Messiah!

⁵ Tevilah is the Hebrew word to describe immersions in a natural water source for purification or conversion. In ancient times a river was used, but later on a mikveh, a specially constructed pool, was used.

John was not the only one to baptize Jews for repentance. We read in John 4:1 that Jesus' disciples were also doing water baptisms. The Bible says they were baptizing more people than John the Baptist was. This was quite a movement before Jesus' ministry began, a preparation for to receive Christ's earthly ministry through repentance.

Public profession

After Christ rose from the grave, He instructed His followers to disciple and to baptize new converts. We refer to these verses as "The Great Commission."

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen

Water baptism became a public profession of our salvation. It symbolizes how we have conformed to Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. The general practice was to get baptized right after conversion; however, the timing is not a requirement.

There are several examples of water baptism in the New Testament. One Bible example is when Peter preached salvation through Jesus to the Jews, and three thousand were saved. Peter said in Acts 2:38, "*Repent and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*" In verse 41 it says, "*Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.*"

Other examples include Philip baptizing people after he preached salvation in Samaria (Acts 8:12) and to a eunuch in verse 38. Paul was baptized by Ananias in Acts 9:18 (Acts 22:16). Peter baptized Gentiles in Acts 10:47-48. Lydia was baptized in Philippi in Acts 16:15. The Philippian jailer was baptized in Acts 16:33. Crispus, a Jewish ruler of the synagogue received Christ and was baptized, along with his family, in Acts 18:8. We read in Acts 19 about believers who were water baptized.

Some of the examples show us that people were water baptized immediately, and for some they were baptized later. Here are some examples of how we see people getting water baptized today:

1. Some are water baptized immediately after receiving salvation.
2. Some get baptized later when they understand baptism better.
3. Others may have been water baptized before they had a full grasp of the experience, so they get baptized again.
4. Some were baptized or sprinkled as a child, but did not get born again until later in life, so they get water baptized at their conversion.
5. There are even those who knew the Lord, but fell away. They decide to get water baptized when they rededicate their lives back to God.
6. Others just feel a prompting of the Holy Spirit in obedience to participate in a spontaneous water baptism as a renewing of their surrender.

There are people who would disagree with some of the above reasons, but there is nothing in scripture that would prevent any of them. As long as a person understands his or her salvation is complete and finished the moment they receive Christ, they know going under water isn't changing that. Going under water is simply the profession of their surrender and celebration of their salvation.

What happens in our heart should cause us to give a public profession of our faith. In Matthew 10, Jesus tells us to shine our light and tell the world of our faith in Him.

Matthew 10:32-33 says, "32) Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. 33) But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven."

Part of our surrender to the Lord is telling other people about Him. Obedience to identify with Christ in water baptism has significance, and I encourage you to step out and do so. However, you will not lose your salvation if you do not publicly profess your faith by water baptism or going forward at an altar or shouting it on a street corner. When you are saved, you will want to share salvation with someone else, and you can share Christ in different ways. Don't live in fear of losing your salvation or being denied by Christ if you are not water baptized.

Water baptism is an outward expression of an inward work.

Water baptism is meaningful to our salvation, but it is not the substance of our salvation. It's a sign of our salvation. Water does not save you; Jesus saves you. Going under water will not change your heart. If a person goes under the water without the change of heart, that person has not received salvation; he or she has only gotten wet!

Salvation comes by receiving forgiveness through Christ and surrendering to His Lordship. Being sprinkled as a baby will not save you. Being dedicated by your parents does not save you. A change of heart does not take place in you because of the life lived by your parents. Salvation is a decision each person has to make on their own.

Furthermore, we cannot be saved by doing religious works, like going to church, reading our Bibles, or getting water baptized! Salvation is an inward work. Water baptism is an outward expression of what has taken place on the inside of our hearts.

That outward expression could also be meaningful as a proclamation of what Christ is doing in our hearts later in life. I was first water baptized when I was nine years old. I had received Christ at a very young age, and I understood water baptism was a way to share my salvation with others. As I got older, my relationship with Christ deepened after I learned more about the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit came to me and revealed a deeper meaning of scriptures in Romans about my surrender to the Lord. It was the Holy Spirit that led me to be water baptized again as a teenager. I had a fresh revelation of God's love for me, He was asking me to dedicate my life to Him, so I gave Him my life out of love. I was water baptized again at Open Bible Christian Church in Dayton, Ohio, and it was an unforgettable moment between my Lord and me.

Identification with Christ

The scripture the Holy Spirit had quickened to me are found in Romans 6. Here the Apostle Paul explained water baptism in comparison to the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is something that should be personal to each of us, a willing surrender to a love that is like none other. Our Father loves us and invites us to relationship with Him (Read Romans 6).

Let's remember that Jesus came to identify with us in our sin so that we could identify with Him in His life. He entered the world in a similar way to our entrance. He was born of a woman. He chose to leave the glory of God's presence to become a human being so He could identify with us. He lived on the earth to share the human experience. He identified with our struggles, our world, and our death - dying in our place. Hebrews 4:15 says, "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." Our salvation is when we identify with Him, and His life, His resurrection, and experience the Holy Spirit.

When we go under the water

We identify with His death when we are put under water. This illustrates His sacrifice to willingly offer His life through dying on a cross. Thankfully we don't have to die a death on a cross because Jesus did that on our behalf. However, we die to ourselves like Jesus did when He took our place, praying, "Not my will but Yours be done." The plunge into water is illustrative of our conformity to His death by surrendering our life to His Lordship.

Salvation doesn't come from doing good works or saying a prayer. Conversion comes from the reliance of faith, putting ourselves in a position of dependency on God through Christ.

Colossians 2:12 "buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead."

Romans 10:9, 10 "9) that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10) For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

The decision to die isn't a temporary decision. It's a decision to give Christ the rest of our lives, all of it. He bought us with a price so we are no longer our own. Thus, death, a finality, an ending of self. As a result of our death is a daily surrendered life to our Lord.

Living water or running water, such as a river, also illustrates the purification from sin. While it is not a requirement to be water baptism in flowing water, we don't want to lose the significance that goes along with the washing forgiveness Christ offers.

Isaiah 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

When we rise from the water

We identify with the life of Christ when we come up out of the water. Jesus did not stay dead or in a grave. Once the price was paid for sin, God was able to raise Jesus from the dead. When we come up out of the water, it is symbolic of the new life we have in Christ. Not only were we conformed to His death, but we are also made alive together with Him.

II Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if anyone is IN CHRIST, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Romans 6:5 "For if we have been UNITED TOGETHER in the LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH, certainly we also shall be in the LIKENESS OF HIS RESURRECTION."

Romans 8:10, 11 "And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

Ephesians 2:1 "And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins."

Ephesians 2:5 "even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Ephesians 2:6 "and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,"

Covenant with God

Sin separated us from a union with God, our life. The way to reconcile with God and enter back into that union could not be accomplished on our own. We were outside of God's sphere. It was impossible for us to reunite with God because we were all guilty. Jesus came to be one of us and die our death. When we surrender to Christ, we enter a union with Him. In our union with Christ, together with Christ, we can be reconciled to God.

Colossians 3:3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

It is through our covenant union that we can know God, and I mean we can really know God. We can experience Him, His life, His power, His love, His anointing, His healing, His provision, His salvation! Water baptism symbolizes the end to our own ways and our new life in union with Him.

If you would like to be water baptized, please talk with the leaders in your local church to let them know of your interest. Be blessed!

THE BLOOD COVENANT

Lesson 8: Positioned in Christ

I. The New Birth

We are three part beings. The spirit is who we are. The soul and the body are what we have.

II Thessalonians 5:23 "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

All three have been affected by sin or a separation from God. All three have been distorted from the upright nature of God. The new birth is the new life God gives us in our spirit when we receive His redemption. The soul and the body are not immediately changed with a person gives their life to Christ.

A. The spirit is immediately _____

II Corinthians 5:17 "If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

John 3:3 "...unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (vs. 6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.")

Ephesians 2:1

*"(1) And you He **made alive**, who were **dead** in trespasses and sins,*

(2) in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

*(3) among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were **by nature** children of wrath, just as the others.*

*(4) But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, (5) even when we were **dead** in trespasses, **made us alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved), (6) and **raised us up together** in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. (7) that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us **in Christ Jesus.**"*

Ephesians 2:8-10 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

- B. The body doesn't become _____

I Corinthians 15:50-53 "(50) Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. (51) Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— (52) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (53) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

- C. The soul goes through a process of _____

Romans 12:1, 2 "(1) I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

- D. The spirit is to rule the _____

II. **Becoming one with Christ**

- A. Jesus is the only covenant way to _____

- B. Conforming to His _____

The way for salvation was made; however, not everyone will receive it. The only way to receive the new birth is by identifying with Christ in His death, meaning surrendering control of our own life.

Galatians 2:20 "Therefore I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

- C. Raised in His _____

III. Jesus died for _____

A. The word “seed” is _____

Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as of many, but as of one, ‘And to your Seed,’ who is Christ.”

The point is that the one Seed God refers to when addressing Abraham was referring to Christ.

B. Abraham was to be the Father of many _____

Genesis 12:3 “... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

The Greek word for “families”⁶ here refers to people groups, clans, or tribes. All groups of the earth – people in all nations.

C. We become spiritual children of Abraham through _____

Romans 8:15-23, Galatians 4:5, Ephesians 1:5

IV. The seal of the New Covenant

When blood covenants are made, a scar is made as a reminder and a testimony to the covenant. Circumcision was the sign of the Old Covenant. In Romans 2:29 it speaks of a circumcision of the heart.

Romans 2:29 “But he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is one from men but from God.”

Colossians 2:11-13

The Holy Spirit is the seal of the new covenant. He is our witness that we are born again.

Romans 8:16, II Cor. 1:22, Eph. 1:13, 14, Eph. 4:30

⁶ Hebrew mishpachah, #4940

V. Jesus our high priest forever

Hebrews 7:21-25

Hebrews 10:18

I John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." This was written to Christians. Thank God for His grace!

Reading assignment: "In Christ Scriptures"

Read John 17

In Christ Scriptures

Compiled by Melanie Stone

The following are scriptures from the New Testament which convey the relationship and privileges we have with God based on our union with Christ. The phrases used are “in Christ, in Him, in the Lord, in us, of Christ, of Him, by Christ, by Him, by whom, by Me, in Me, from whom, with Christ, with Him, through Jesus, through Christ, through Him, in His name, in My name.”

These scriptures tell us who we ARE in Christ, what we can DO in Christ, and what we can HAVE in Christ.

In Christ we are in a covenant union with God

He who eats My flesh, and drinks My blood, abides **in me**, and I in him. – John 6:56

I am the door. If anyone enters **by Me**, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. – John 10:9

At that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you **in Me**, and I in you. – John 14:20

That they all may be one; as You, Father, are in me, and I in You; that they also may be one **in Us**: that the world may believe that You sent me. – John 17:21

I in them, and You in me, that they may be made perfect **in one**; and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved me. – John 17:23

Therefore, my brethren, you also are become dead to the law **through the body of Christ**, that you may be married to another - to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God. – Romans 7:4

For **of Him** and **through Him** and **to Him** are all things: to whom be glory forever. Amen. – Romans 11:36

So we, being many, are one body **in Christ**, and individually members one of another. – Romans 12:5

God is faithful, by whom you were called **into the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ** our Lord. – 1 Corinthians 1:9

Yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom** are all things, and **through whom** we live. – 1 Corinthians 8:6

Now you are the **body of Christ**, and members in individually. – 1 Corinthians 12:27

That the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles **in Christ Jesus**; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. – Galatians 3:14

For you are all sons of God through faith **in Christ Jesus**. – Galatians 3:26

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one **in Christ Jesus**. – Galatians 3:28

That in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things **in Christ**, both which are in heaven and which are on earth- **in Him**. – Ephesians 1:10

Which is **His body**, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. – Ephesians 1:23

For **through Him** we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. – Ephesians 2:18

In whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord: (22) **in whom** you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. Ephesians 2:21, 22

For the equipping of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: (13) till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature **of the fullness of Christ**: – Ephesians 4:12, 13

For it pleased the Father that **in Him** all the fullness should dwell, – Colossians 1:19

For **in Him** dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. – Colossians 2:9

Which are a shadow of things to come; but the substance is **of Christ**. – Colossians 2:17

That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you **in Him**, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. – 2 Thessalonians 1:12

Now he who keeps His commandments abides **in Him**, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us. – 1 John 3:24

By this we know that we abide **in Him**, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. – 1 John 4:13

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and **he in God**. – 1 John 4:15

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone who loves Him who begot loves him who is begotten **of Him**. – 1 John 5:1

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true, and we are **in Him** who is true, **in His Son Jesus Christ**. This is the true God and eternal life. – 1 John 5:20

In Christ we have new life now and for eternity

In Him was life; and the life was the light of men. – John 1:4

That whoever believes **in Him** should not perish but have eternal life. (16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes **in Him** should not perish but have everlasting life. – John 3:15, 16

As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father: so he who feeds on Me will live because **of Me**. – John 6:57

Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection, and the life. He who believes **in Me**, though he may die, he shall live: (26) And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this? – John 11:25, 26

For **in Him** we live and move and have our being; as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' – Acts 17:28

Therefore we were buried **with Him** through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. – Romans 6:4

Now if we be died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live **with Him**: – Romans 6:8

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God **in Christ Jesus** our Lord. – Romans 6:11

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are **in Christ Jesus**, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. (2) For the law of the Spirit of life **in Christ Jesus** has made me free from the law of sin and death. – Romans 8:1, 2

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells **in you**, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells **in you**. – Romans 8:11

For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ** all shall be made alive. – 1 Corinthians 15:22

Therefore if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a new creation: old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. – 2 Corinthians 5:17

For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak **in Him**, but we shall live **with Him** by the power of God toward you. – 2 Corinthians 13:4

I have been crucified **with Christ**: it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. – Galatians 2:20

For **in Christ Jesus** neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. – Galatians 6:15

Even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together **with Christ** (by grace you have been saved). – Ephesians 2:5

Buried **with Him** in baptism, in which you also were raised **with Him** through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. (13) And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together **with Him**, having forgiven you all trespasses; – Colossians 2:12, 13

If then you were raised **with Christ**, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. – Colossians 3:1

For you died, and your life **is hidden with Christ in God**. (4) When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear **with Him** in glory. – Colossians 3:3, 4

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring **with Him** those who sleep **in Jesus**. – 1 Thessalonians 4:14

Who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together **with Him**. – 1 Thessalonians 5:10

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live **through Him**. – 1 John 4:9

In Christ we have right-standing

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world **through Him** might be saved. – John 3:17

Jesus said unto him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except **through Me**.' – John 14:6

Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is **in Christ Jesus**: – Romans 3:24

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath **through him**. – Romans 5:9

And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **through whom** we have now received the reconciliation. – Romans 5:11

But of Him you are **in Christ Jesus**, who became for us wisdom from God - and righteousness and sanctification and redemption: – 1 Corinthians 1:30

That is, that God was **in Christ** reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them; and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. – 2 Corinthians 5:19

For he made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God **in Him**. – 2 Corinthians 5:21

Just as He chose us **in Him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: – Ephesians 1:4

In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; – Ephesians 1:7

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: **in whom** also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, – Ephesians 1:13

And raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places **in Christ Jesus**: – Ephesians 2:6

Finally, my brethren, be strong **in the Lord**, and in the power of His might. – Ephesians 6:10

And be found **in Him**, not having mine own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through the faith **in Christ**, the righteousness which is from God by faith: – Philippians 3:9

In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins: – Colossians 1:14

Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and **upholding all things** by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high; – Hebrews 1:3

In Christ we can do what He wants us to do

And these signs will follow those who believe; **In My name** they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; – Mark 16:17

The man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all **through Him** might believe. – John 1:7

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you **abide in Me**. (5) I am the vine, you are the branches. He who **abides in Me, and I in him**, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. – John 15:4, 5

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. – John 15:7

You did not choose Me, but I have chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatever you ask the Father **in My name**, He may give you. – John 15:16

Through whom also we have access by faith into this in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. – Romans 5:2

Knowing this, that our old man was crucified **with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. – Romans 6:6

Yet, in all these things we are more than conquerors **through Him** who loved us. – Romans 8:37

We then, as workers together **with Him** also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. – 2 Corinthians 6:1

For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak **in Him**, but we shall live **with Him** by the power of God toward you. – 2 Corinthians 13:4

For we are His workmanship, created **in Christ Jesus** for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. – Ephesians 2:10

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure **of Christ's gift**. – Ephesians 4:7

From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. – Ephesians 4:16

For you were once darkness, but now you are light **in the Lord**. Walk as children of light. – Ephesians 5:8

I can do all things **through Christ** who strengthens me. – Philippians 4:13

If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born **of Him**. – 1 John 2:29

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk **in Him**: – Colossians 2:6

And have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image **of Him** who created Him: – Colossians 3:10

Make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, **through Jesus Christ**, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. – Hebrews 13:21

If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified

through Jesus Christ, **to whom** belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. – 1 Peter 4:11

But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are **in Him**. – 1 John 2:5

In Christ we can have what He wants us to have

For where two or three are gathered together **in My name**, I am there in the midst of them. – Matthew 18:20

And whatever you ask **in My name**, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (14) If you ask anything **in My name**, I will do it. – John 14:13, 14

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send **in My name**, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. – John 14:26

And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, 'Whatever you ask the Father **in My name**, He will give you. (24) Until now you have asked nothing **in My name**. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. – John 16:23, 24

In that day you will ask **in My name**, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for you: – John 16:26

These things I have spoken to you, that **in Me** you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. – John 16:33

And if children, then heirs- heirs of God and joint-heirs **with Christ**; if indeed we suffer **with Him**, that we may be also glorified **together**. – Romans 8:17

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not **with Him** also freely give us all things? – Romans 8:32

Nor height, nor depth, nor any created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is **in Christ Jesus our Lord**. – Romans 8:39

For who has known the mind **of the Lord** that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind **of Christ**. – 1 Corinthians 2:16

For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds **through Christ**. – 2 Corinthians 1:5

And we have such trust **through Christ** toward God. – 2 Corinthians 3:4

Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God **through Christ**. – Galatians 4:7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places **in Christ**. – Ephesians 1:3

In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will: – Ephesians 1:11

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge **of Him**: – Ephesians 1:17

That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us **in Christ Jesus**. – Ephesians 2:7

In whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith **in Him**. – Ephesians 3:12

To know the love **of Christ** which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. – Ephesians 3:19

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds **through Christ Jesus**. – Philippians 4:7

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory **by Christ Jesus**. – Philippians 4:19

In whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. – Colossians 2:3

And you are complete **in Him**, who is the head of all principality and power: – Colossians 2:10

As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge **of Him** who called us by glory and virtue: – 2 Peter 1:3

But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you: but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will **abide in Him**. – 1 John 2:27

Now this is the confidence that we have **in Him**, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. (15) And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. – 1 John 5:14, 15

THE BLOOD COVENANT

Lesson 9: Inheritance in Christ

I. David and Jonathan's Covenant

I Samuel 18:1-31

A. Covenant Rights Extended

1. Mephibosheth's Identity

II Samuel 4:4

2. David's Search

a. David's Promise to Jonathan

I Samuel 20:15-16

b. Jonathan's Death

c. Jonathan's Son

II Samuel 9:1-5

d. Mephibosheth's Blessing

II Samuel 9:6-13

B. New Covenant Privileges

II. Joint Heirs with Christ

Romans 8:17 “And if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”

A. Jesus an Heir

Hebrews 1:4

Hebrews 9:15

Psalm 110:1

B. Brothers

Hebrews 2:10-18

1. Jesus Became One of Us
2. Jesus Identified With Us
3. Jesus Was Reborn Spiritually
4. We Have the Same Father

TEXT: Romans 8:11-17

- a. We were slaves to sin.
- b. Jesus gave His blood so there can be forgiveness of sin.
- c. Jesus is the Son of God, and we become born again into God’s family.
- d. Since we are the children of God, then we are also heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 1:4

Philippians 2:6-11

III. Knowing What Belongs to Us

A. Definitions

1. Covenant

Diatheke: "A disposition of property by will or otherwise." (Vines)

Hebrews 9:15-18

2. Inherit

Kleronomeo: "To receive by lot." Lot means, "to possess."
Literally "to receive possession." (Vines)

B. God Belongs to Us

Psalm 73:26 "...God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Psalm 142:5 "...You are my portion in the land of the living."

C. Covenant Blessings

Hebrews 8:6 "(Jesus) has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises."

1. We were created to know His glory.

2. We fell short from knowing His glory.

3. Christ is within us, a hope of knowing His glory.

Forgiveness (I John 1:9)

Righteousness (II Cor. 5:17)

Eternal Life (John 3:16)

Dominion over sin and addictions (Romans 6:14)

Authority over Satan and his kingdom (Eph. 1:18-23)

The Holy Spirit and Power (Acts 1:8)

Wisdom and Knowledge (Col. 2:3)

Healing (Matthew 8:17)

Provision (Phil. 4:19)
Protection (I John 5:18)
Success (Josh. 1:8)
Strength (Phil. 4:13)
Love (Romans 5:5)
Joy (John 15:11)
Peace (Phil. 4:9)
Patience (Gal. 5:22)
Gentleness (Gal. 5:22)
Goodness (Gal. 5:22)
Faith (II Tim. 1:7)
Meekness (Gal. 5:23)
Self-Control (Gal. 5:23)
Boldness (Eph. 3:12)
Deliverance (Ps. 91:15)
Long life (Ps. 91:16)
Guidance (Prov. 3:6)
Comfort (II Cor. 1:4)
Companionship (Heb. 13:5)
Help (John 16:7)
Victory (I Cor. 15:57)
All good things (Rom. 8:32)

IV. God's Possession

I Corinthians 6:9-10
I Corinthians 15:50
Galatians 5:19-21

THE BLOOD COVENANT

Lesson 10: The Body of Christ

I. One With Christ

- A. We willingly enter a _____
- B. God is the _____ in the union relationship
- C. We can have union with _____
- D. Because of a union, God raised Jesus so God can _____
- E. Union with _____ in Christ

II. Intimacy in Covenant

TEXT: John 17

- A. We Belong to God
- B. We Are One With God
- C. Joined Through Jesus

III. Positioned in His Body (The Church)

Ephesians 2:19-22

19) Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20) having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21) in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22) in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

I Peter 2:5 [Jesus is the cornerstone, verse 4]

“You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

A. Walk in love

JOIN (kollai, 2853): “to glue or cement together.” “To unite, to join firmly.” “To keep company with.” “To cleave to.”

JOIN (proskollao, 4347): “To stick to” A strengthened form of kollai.

JOIN (sunzeugnumi, 4801): “to yoke together” of marriage.

JOIN (sunomoreo, 4927): “To border on” like when someone adds on to a house. Acts 18:7 “joined hard to.”

KNIT TOGETHER (sumbibazo, 4822): “to cause to coalesce, to join or knit together.”

Coalesce: “to grow together or into one body (the two lakes coalesced into one.” “To unite so as to form one mass, community (the various groups coalesced into a crowd.” “to blend or come together (their ideas coalesced into one theory).” Synonyms: Unite, combine, join, amalgamate, fuse, blend, merge.

KNIT

Colossians 2:2 “That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;”

*Colossians 2:19 [someone in opposition with God]
and not holding fast to the head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows the increase that is from God.*

Ephesians 4:16 knit together by what every joint supplies...

JOINED

I Corinthians 1:10

*Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly **joined** together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

Here the word JOINED means “to render complete, to perfect.” We are interdependent on each other, dependent on the Lord.

Ephesians 4:16 joined and knit together
Colossians 2:19 joined and knit together

ONE

Galatians 2:28... you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 4:4-6

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”

Philippians 1:27

... that you stand fast in **one** spirit, with **one** mind striving together for the faith of the gospel,

Philippians 2:2

fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

Colossians 3:15

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in **one** body; and be thankful.

B. Walk in Honor for Spiritual Authority

Psalm 133

*1) Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity!
2) It is like the precious oil upon the head,
Running down on the beard,
The beard of Aaron,
Running down on the edge of his garments.
3) It is like the dew of Hermon,
Descending upon the mountains of Zion;
For there the Lord commanded the blessing—
Life forevermore.*

C. Be submitted and obedient

Ephesians 5:3-14

We hope that through this course you have a deeper understanding of the blood covenant - how the testaments are tied together, the reason Jesus is the only way to salvation, as well as benefits God promises us by being positioned in Christ.