

The New Testament Covenant

What is the New Testament Covenant?

Hebrews 8:10-12

10 For **this is the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:**

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 **For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.**

This is the New Testament Covenant! This is the promise that God made to the people of the New Testament.

Hebrews 8:7-9

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

8 For finding fault with them (the people), he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

So how do we partake of this New Covenant that God promised would come?

To partake of this New Testament Covenant that God promised, we must be obedient to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, **unless** ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures;

4 And that **he was buried**, and that **he rose again the third day** according to the scriptures:

So the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that Jesus Christ died, was buried, and he rose again the third day.

So for us to partake of the New Testament Covenant, we must be obedient to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Which was that Jesus Christ died, was buried, and he rose again the third day.

How then do we partake of Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection? For this answer, lets listen to what Jesus tells us in the four gospels books.

Luke 13:1-5

1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And Jesus answering said unto them, **Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?**

3 **I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**

4 **Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?**

5 **I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**

According to Jesus we must repent or we will perish.

Mark 16:15-16

15 And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.**

16 **He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.**

We are told by Jesus here that we must believe and be baptized in order to be saved.

John 3:1-7

1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

3 Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5 Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Here we find out by Jesus that we must be born again or we cannot see or enter into the kingdom of God.

Matthew 10:22

22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

And finally we learn that we must endure to the end to be saved.

So to sum up what we were told, Jesus tells us that we must believe, repent, be born again of water and of the Spirit, and finally we must endure to the end.

So to be obedient to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we must believe, repent, be born of water, be born of Spirit, and then endure to the end.

In Acts chapter 2 verses 1-4 we learn....

Acts 2:1-4

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to **speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

As we continue reading we find that there were Jews present out of every nation under heaven. They questioned, what meaneth this? Apostle Peter explains to all that are present this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. That it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh. And then in.....

Acts 2:36-41

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both **Lord and Christ**.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

The people there believed that what the Apostle Peter spoke was the truth, and it pricked their hearts, and brought forth conviction, and they asked, Men and brethren, What shall we do????

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**.

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.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 Then they that gladly received his word **were baptized**: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Notice that the people believed, then the Apostle Peter tells them to repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and then tells them that they will receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost. This is the fulfillment of what Jesus instructed us to do in the gospels.

Notice verse 39 tells us that this 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. This lets us know without any doubt that this promise was to everyone throughout every generation that is to come.

So to partake of the New Testament Covenant, we must be obedient to the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ, by being born again of water and of the Spirit.

To fulfill these instructions given by God, we must do what the Apostle Peter instructed us. We must 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.

Hebrews 8:13

13 In that he saith, **A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.**

Hebrews 9:14-28

14 **How much more shall the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

15 And **for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.**

16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

17 For **a testament is of force after men are dead**: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

18 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,

20 Saying, **This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.**

21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

22 **And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.**

Matthew 26:26-29

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, **Take, eat; this is my body.**

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, **Drink ye all of it;**

28 **For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

29 **But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.**

Jesus Christ the Righteous! The sacrificial Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

After we partake of the gospel of Jesus Christ, which was the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we now have the New Testament Promise. The Covenant God made with His people. Which was....

Hebrews 8:10-12

10 For **this is the covenant** that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:**

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 **For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.**

So how does this process of the New Testament Covenant work?

Romans 5:8-21

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, **being now justified by his blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

10 For if, when we were enemies, **we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.**

11 And not only so, but **we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.**

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and **death by sin**; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

13 (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.

14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

15 But not as the offence, so **also is the free gift**. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.

16 And not as it was by one that sinned, **so is the gift**: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.

17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive **abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness** shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the **free gift** came upon all men unto justification of life.

19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so **by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.**

20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thank God for his wonderful Gifts that He has left behind for us to partake of!