

Adult Sunday School
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THE BLOOD COVENANT

What is a 'covenant'?

Hebrew: cutting, confederacy, covenant, league

Greek: contract, will, testament, covenant

--To the ancient Hebrews, a blood covenant was the most binding, sacred agreement that could be made.--

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| 1. Exchanging Garments and Swords | I Sam. 18:4 |
| 2. A Blood Sacrifice | Gen. 15:9-17;
31:43-54;
Jer. 34:18-19 |
| 3. A Memorial Covenant Meal | Gen. 31:54 |

Examples of blood covenants in the Bible:

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| 1. Laban & Jacob | Gen. 31:43-55 |
| 2. David & Jonathan | I Samuel 18:1-4 |

I. The Pattern of God's Covenant

God's covenant with us is in the same pattern of the O.T. blood covenant. (Heb. 9:24)

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| 1. We Exchange our Garments and Swords | Eph.
6:11-17 |
| 2. There Has been Made a Blood Sacrifice | Heb.
9:12-22 |
| 3. We have a Memorial Covenant Meal | Matt.
26:26-29 |

II. Benefits of God's Covenant

A. We have Been made 'joint-heirs' with Christ

Romans 8:15-23; Eph. 1:11,14,18; Heb. 9:15-17; I Peter 1:3,4

B. We have God's Word

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| 1. Salvation | Rom. 5:9 |
| 2. Never Alone | I Chr. 28:20 "He will not fail thee" |
| 3. Victory | I Cor. 15:57 |
| 4. Healing | Isaiah 53:5 |
| 5. Life & Peace | Mal. 2:5; Num. 25:12 |

III. Obligations of God's Covenant

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| 1. Atonement Must be Made for all Sin | Num. 25:13 |
| 2. Serve No Other God | Deut. 6:5 |
| 3. Seek No Other Source | John
4:10,13,14;
Deut. 18:9-14;
Rom. 16:19 |
| 4. Keep His Word | Deut. 4:2 |

Deut. 4:2

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Heb 8:10

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: