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I counsel thee to
buy of me gold
tried in the fire...
Revelation 3:18





What is it and why should I care?

COVENANT – PART 1

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Purpose

- What is covenant?
- What covenant are we a part of?
- Who are the parties?
- What are the conditions (vows)?
- Are there benefits or consequences?
- How do I know that I am “in”?

Definition of Terms

Yahweh –

- Creator
- Covenant Author

Definition of Terms

Yeshua –

- Agent of the Covenant Author
- Perfect image bearer of Yahweh

John 14:6-12 KJV

6 (Yeshua) saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

John 14:6-12 KJV

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 (Yeshua) saith unto him, “Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, ‘Show us the Father?’

John 14:6-12 KJV

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

John 14:6-12 KJV

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”

Definition of Terms

Holy Spirit –

- Given by the Father to empower us to be His image-bearers, enabling us to do what we cannot do in our flesh: be like Yeshua.

Isaiah 11:2 ESV

And the Spirit of (Yahweh) shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of (Yahweh).

Acts 1:8 ESV

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 10:38 ESV

How (Elohim) anointed (Yeshua) of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for (Elohim) was with him.

Romans 8:9 ESV

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of (Elohim) dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

Definition of Terms

Covenant –

- Merriam-Webster: a formal, solemn and binding agreement, usually under seal between two or more parties for the performance of some action.

Definition of Terms

Unilateral –

- Merriam-Webster: constituting or relating to a contract or engagement by which an express obligation to do or forbear is **imposed on only one party**

Definition of Terms

Bilateral –

- Merriam-Webster: affecting reciprocally two nations or parties; **binding on both parties**

Definition of Terms

Sin –

- 1 John 3:4 NASB

Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness.

Romans 14:22-23 NASB

22 The faith which you have, have as your own conviction before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. 23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith; **and whatever is not from faith is sin.**

Proverbs 21:4 KJV

An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.

Proverbs 24:9 KJV

The thought of foolishness is sin: and the scorner is an abomination to men.

Matthew 5:21-22 KJV

21 Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

Matthew 5:21-22 KJV

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Matthew 5:27-28 KJV

27 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Definition of Terms

Forgiveness -

- Nasa'- to bear, carry, support
- Kaphar- cover, purge, make atonement
- Salach- to forgive, pardon
- Katallage- adjustment of a difference, reconciliation, restoration to favour

Definition of Terms

Repentance –

- shoov – to turn back, return

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Isaiah 1:13-18 NASB

13 “Bring your worthless offerings no longer,
Incense is an abomination to Me.

New moon and sabbath, the calling of
assemblies

I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly.

Isaiah 1:13-18 NASB

14 “I hate your new moon festivals and your appointed feasts,
They have become a burden to Me;
I am weary of bearing them.

Isaiah 1:13-18 NASB

15 “So when you spread out your hands in prayer,
I will hide My eyes from you;
Yes, even though you multiply prayers,
I will not listen.
Your hands are covered with blood.

Isaiah 1:13-18 NASB

16 “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean;
Remove the evil of your deeds from My sight.
Cease to do evil,

Isaiah 1:13-18 NASB

17 Learn to do good;
Seek justice,
Reprove the ruthless,
Defend the orphan,
Plead for the widow.

Isaiah 1:13-18 NASB

18 “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says
(Yahweh),

“Though your sins are as scarlet,
They will be as white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson,
They will be like wool.”

Threshold Covenant

- In ancient Middle-Eastern culture, when a person crossed the threshold of the main entrance to a house, they entered into covenant with all those dwelling inside.

Threshold Covenant

- Honored guest
- Sacrifice made on the threshold
- Greater the guest = greater sacrifice
- Guest enters into covenant by stepping over the threshold

Threshold Covenant

- Guest becomes a member of family
- Comes under protection of host and host's god
- Guest gives themselves in allegiance to host's god and that god's realm

Threshold Covenant

- Thresholds evolved as societies grew
- Doorways
- Pillars
- Gates
- Altars

Threshold Covenant

- Deuteronomy 6:6-9 ESV

6 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Threshold Covenant

8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 **You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.**

Blood Covenant

- Between two or more parties
- Involves the shedding of or exchanging of blood
- Each party pledges resources, protection, friendship, trust
- Merge individuality into a dual personality (echad)

Blood Covenant

- 1 Samuel 18:1-4 ESV

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house.

Blood Covenant

3 Then Jonathan (cut) a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

Blood Covenant

- 1 Samuel 19:1-7 ESV

And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David. 2 And Jonathan told David, “Saul my father seeks to kill you. Therefore be on your guard in the morning.

Blood Covenant

2(b) Stay in a secret place and hide yourself. 3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to my father about you. And if I learn anything I will tell you.” 4 And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, “Let not the king sin against his servant David,

Blood Covenant

4(b) because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have brought good to you. 5 For he took his life in his hand and he struck down the Philistine, and (Yahweh) worked a great salvation for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood by killing David without cause?”

Blood Covenant

6 And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. Saul swore, “As (Yahweh) lives, he shall not be put to death.”

7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan reported to him all these things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as before.

Blood Covenant

- 1 Samuel 20:13-17 (ESV)

13 But should it please my father to do you harm, (Yahweh) do so to Jonathan and more also if I do not disclose it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. May (Yahweh) be with you, as he has been with my father.

Blood Covenant

14 If I am still alive, show me the steadfast love of (Yahweh), that I may not die; 15 and do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever, when (Yahweh) cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.”

Blood Covenant

16 And Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May (Yahweh) take vengeance on David's enemies.”

17 And Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

Blood Covenant

- Final part of the covenant:

“If I fail to uphold the covenant, may I die or may it be done to me what was done to the sacrifice.”

Blood Threshold Covenant

- Exodus 21:5-6 (ESV)

5 But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,' 6 then his master shall bring him to (Elohim), and he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall be his slave forever.

Blood Threshold Covenant

- Deuteronomy 15:16-17 (ESV)

16 But if he says to you, 'I will not go out from you,' because he loves you and your household, since he is well-off with you, 17 then you shall take an **awl**, and put it through his ear into the door, and he shall be your servant forever. And to your female servant you shall do the same.

