



**Good Friday April 10, 2020
Blood Covenant
Part-2 : The New Covenant**

The New Covenant In My Blood

The New Covenant - instituted, ratified and sealed by God Himself

Jesus completed the Old Covenant and came to establish a New Covenant.

Hebrews 10:9

then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD." He takes away the first that He may establish the second.

God gave Himself up as the covenant sacrifice to establish this covenant and presented His own blood to seal this covenant.

Matthew 26:28

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is MY BODY."

27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

28 For this is MY BLOOD of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Luke 22:19-20

19 And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is MY BODY which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in MY BLOOD, which is shed for you.

Jesus Christ, who had been typified by these Old Testament mediators, is the Mediator of the New Covenant. He inaugurated, ratified, fulfilled, and permanently established the New Covenant.

MY BODY : Jesus Christ is Himself the Covenant Sacrifice because of whom the New Covenant came into effect.

Jesus Christ is the Ratifier or Testator (covenanting one, the one making the covenant) of the New Covenant

MY BLOOD : Jesus Christ Sealed the New Covenant with His own blood.

When God made a blood covenant with Abraham, Abraham cut some animals in pieces and God passed between those pieces.



When God made a blood covenant through Moses, Moses took the blood of animals and sprinkled it on the people.

Here Jesus, God who became Man, Emmanuel, His own body was sacrificed and His blood was shed to establish the New Covenant.

There could be no greater blood covenant than this - the New Covenant.

Jesus - the Mediator and High Priest of the New Covenant

Jesus Christ is the Mediator (enforcer) of the New Covenant.

Jesus Christ is our Great High Priest of the New Covenant representing us before the Father.

Hebrews 9:15

15 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.

THE ONE WHO MADE THE COVENANT, STANDS TO ENFORCE THAT COVENANT AND TO ALSO REPRESENT THAT COVENANT ON OUR BEHALF.

Relationship Wrapped In Blood Covenant

WE ARE IN A BLOOD COVENANT WITH GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS WRAPPED IN THIS BLOOD COVENANT. You are a son and daughter of God. God is your covenant-Father.

(1) We bear each other's name and hence we represent each other. Jesus said go in my name. He also said, if you confess my name before men, I will confess your name before the Father.

(2) There is oneness or harmony in their living—in the decisions made, things achieved, and so on. He said abide in Me and I in you.

(3) There is a mutual sharing of goals, purposes and feelings—what affects one also affects the other. It is no longer I who lives, but Christ lives in Me (Galatians 2:20)



(4) There is mutual enrichment—the weakness of one is ‘lost’ in the strength of the other. That is why we can say, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. My sufficiency is of God, who has made me an able minister of the New Covenant

(5) What belongs to one, also belongs to the other—we are joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.

(6) There is deep communion, intimacy and fellowship, not known by anyone from the outside. He said I do not call you servants, I call you friends. Everything the Father has revealed to me, I share it with you by my Spirit.

A Better Covenant - Better Promises

Hebrews 8:6-

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.

A Covenant Of Grace - Work Completed

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

A covenant of grace - I am not asking you to "do" things, I am inviting you to "receive" by faith. Not based on Law or on works.

Sealed with My own blood. It is my blood that is sprinkled before God and on you. There will be no more need of a sacrifice. No more sacrifices and rituals

A More Glorious Covenant - Work of the Spirit

2 Corinthians 3:5-11

The Seal And Sign Of The New Covenant

Seal - New Birth, Circumcision of the heart

Galatians 6:15

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

Sign - The Lord's Table

The Lord's Table - a sign of the New Covenant

1 Corinthians 11



New Identity - In Christ

Water baptism

Spiritual Sacrifices - Practicing The Covenant

Our offering of spiritual sacrifices is a way of invoking (or proclaiming or signifying) the Covenant

Hebrews 13:15-16

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

THE OLD AND THE NEW COVENANT CONTRASTED

When using the term 'Old Covenant' we are referring specifically to the covenant given through Moses to the people of Israel.

Similarities, both the Old Covenant and the New Covenant are blood covenants.

The Old Was Given Through Moses, The New Is Given Through Christ

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

The Old Covenant was given through Moses to the people of Israel (Exodus 24:7-8; John 1:17), the New Covenant is given through Jesus Christ to everyone who will believe in Him (Hebrews 8:6; Hebrews 9:15). Jesus Christ is the Mediator of the New Covenant. Hence the Old was called the Law of Moses (Acts 13:38-39) and the New is called the Law of Christ (Galatians 6:2).

The Old Based On Law, The New Based On Grace

The Old Covenant was based on the Law, the Ten Commandments and numerous instructions. The New Covenant is based on grace given to us because of the finished work of Christ on the Cross.

The Old Brought Guilt, The New Brings Righteousness

sin consciousness,, led to righteousness

I will give you the free gift of righteousness - I will justify you and make you free from all guilt, shame and condemnation. This gift of righteousness qualifies you to reign in life.

The Old Was The Letter Of The Law, The New Has The Law Written In Our Hearts

Hebrews 10:16



law written in our hearts and minds

The 'circumcision of the heart' a change of heart that happens at the New Birth - the sign of the New covenant.

The Old Was Based On Human Effort, The New Is Based On Faith Empowered By The Spirit

2 Corinthians 3

God pours His Spirit on us who empowers us to walk in this New Covenant and also empowers us to be ministers of this New Covenant.

The Old Brought Bondage, The New Brings Liberty

Galatians 5:1

The Old Was Served By Earthly Priests, The New Has One Heavenly High Priest

Earthly high priest, Eternal high priest
He is a great High Priest (Hebrew 7:24-28)

The Old Served A Natural Tabernacle, The New Uses An Eternal Heavenly Tabernacle

natural tabernacle, eternal tabernacle
only some were kings and some were priests, all of us kings and priests

The Old Required Many Recurring Sacrifices, The New Required One Sacrifice Already Made

only once a year High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies, every believer can enter at any time

The Old Has Been Removed, The New Is In Force

The New Is An Everlasting Covenant

Hebrews 13:20-21

20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
21 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.

Getting Rid of Old Covenant Mentality

We must get rid of Old Covenant mentality and learn to walk in the blessings of our New Covenant with God



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *Matthew 26:28; Hebrews 8:6*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1) *Discuss what it means when we say that our relationship with God is wrapped in the blood covenant.*

2) *Discuss some of the differences between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant, and how we develop a new covenant mentality?*

If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey



Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.