


RECOVER ALL!


Closure • Clarity • Covenant



2021

PART THREE

COVENANT: How Everything Becomes Better



**It is for freedom that Christ has
set us free (Gal. 5:1 NIV)**

Dr. King from the Birmingham Jail

“Moreover, I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

A **covenant** is a mutually binding association
based on **love and trust**.

It is not a **contract**, which is based on **distrust**.

Ephesians 2:11

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands— 12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the **covenants of promise**, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Genesis 6:17-19

17 And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But **I will establish My covenant with you**; and you shall go into the ark—you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh you shall bring two of every sort into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.

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Israel

Exodus 6:1

6 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land." 2 And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the Lord. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob....4 I have also **established My covenant** with them, to give them the land of Canaan...

Exodus 6:7

I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Hebrews 7:18

For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of **its weakness and unprofitableness**, 19 for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of **a better hope**, through which we draw near to God.

Hebrews 8:1

Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the **true tabernacle which the Lord erected**, and not man

Hebrews 8:4

...since there are priests who offer the gifts according to the law; 5 who serve the **copy and shadow** of the heavenly things...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**.

That's how the book of Hebrews concludes:

Hebrews 13:20-21

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, 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."

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Jehoiada

2 Chronicles 23:1

In the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and **made a covenant** with the captains of hundreds...And they went throughout Judah and gathered the Levites from all the cities of Judah, and the chief fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem.
3] Then all the congregation **made a covenant** with the king in the house of God. And he said to them, "Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD has said of the sons of David

Look at the response of people when they understood they were covenanted with the Lord to be His people. Jehoiada the priest facilitated this renewal

2 Chronicles 23:16

Then Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, the people, and the king, that they should **be the Lord's people.**

17] And all the people went to the temple of Baal, and tore it down. They broke in pieces its altars and images, and killed Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars.

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Nehemiah

Nehemiah chapter 9 is the beginning of a great renewal

9:1 Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, in sackcloth, and with dust on their heads. 2 Then those of Israelite lineage separated themselves from all foreigners; and they stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.

Nehemiah 9:36

"Here we are, servants today! And the land that You gave to our fathers, To eat its fruit and its bounty, Here we are, servants in it!"

39, And because of all this, we make a **sure covenant, and write it; and our leaders and our Levites and our priests seal it."**

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Jonathan & His Armorbearer

1 Samuel 14:6

Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the Lord will work for us. For nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few." 7 So his armorbearer said to him, "Do all that is in your heart. Go then; here **I am with you, according to your heart.**"

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Communion & Christ Followers

Luke 22:17-20

17 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves... 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.

Benefits of Covenant

- Encouragement and Hope
- Peace & Stability
- Partnership/Companionship
- Honesty and openness
- Esteem offered and received
- Receive love and care
- Provision made and received