

“Created for Covenant: People to Our God”

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THE COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM:

Genesis 12

- God makes unconditional covenant with Abraham – land & descendants
- Abraham believed the Lord and he credited it to him as righteousness

Genesis 15

- Abraham asked: “How will I know?”
- Animals cut in half (cut a deal)
- Vision- Smoking firepot (God) passed through the animals

THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT:

Genesis 17 (24 years after chapter 12 - 14 years after chapter 15)

- Covenant of Circumcision (covenant made in flesh & blood – cut a deal)
- Isaac born 25 years after original covenant

THE LAW ESTABLISHED:

Exodus 19-24 (The Covenant with Moses - Mt. Sinai):

- God delivered Israel out of bondage
- Gave them laws to obey at Mt. Sinai and the people agreed to obey
- The people came under the covenant by being sprinkled with the blood (½ on the altar & ½ on the people)
- Ten Commandments were placed in the Ark of the Covenant

THE NEW COVENANT:

Hebrews 8:6-13

- New Covenant was Promised in the Old Testament – Fulfilled through Christ
- Jesus is new High Priest (better than human ones)

- New Covenant is founded on better promises than the old one
- Each person will now have own personal relationship with God (through faith in Jesus Christ)
- New Covenant has promise of Holy Spirit

CONCLUSION:

	<u>OLD COVENANT</u>	<u>NEW COVENANT</u>
Established by -	<u>Animal Sacrifices</u>	Christ's <u>Sacrificial Death</u>
Sign of -	<u>Circumcision</u>	<u>Baptism</u>
Remembered by -	<u>Sprinkling of Blood</u>	Holy <u>Communion</u>

Galatians 3:23-29

23 Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. 24 So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. 25 Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law. 26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Hebrews 10:19-23

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.