

Covenant: Initiated by God

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Genesis 12:1-3

1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

1. GOD INITIATES COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU

ABRAHAM: (circumcision)

Genesis 17:7, 10-11 (Abraham was 99 years old)

7 I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. 10 This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.

Colossians 3:12

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

2. GOD FAITHFULLY HONORS HIS COVENANT

MOSES: (Passover)

Exodus 12:7, 13

7 Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses 13 The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you.

3. YOU ARE AN HEIR TO THE NEW COVENANT THROUGH JESUS

JESUS: (the cross)

Genesis 12:3

"... all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Galatians 3:29

If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God...

Luke 22:19-20

19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." 20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.