

# The New Covenant

Sunday Morning, April 10, 2016

*(Show our legal marriage certificate.)*

An official document reminds us of the seriousness of our agreement or covenant with each other and as a vow to God to keep it.

Our covenant/agreement with God is that because He saved us, we will live for Him out of our own free will and love for Him.

God takes this vow seriously, like a marriage agreement.

Upon making that agreement, we enter a new covenant that embarks us on a radical change in our lives.

Our New Covenant with God looks like this in the scriptures:

**(Luke 22:20)**

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

**(I Corinthians 6:20)**

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

**(I Corinthians 7: 23 – 24)**

23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.

24 Brethren, let each one remain with God in that state in which he was called.

God will never break His Covenant with us!

**(Isaiah 54:10)**

For the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," Says the Lord, who has mercy on you.

**(Hebrews 13:5c)**

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. **For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."**

God even provides what we need to keep our Covenant with Him.

**(Philippians 4:13)**

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

God expects us to obey wholeheartedly our Covenant with Him. So we will not miss out on His many blessings and purposes that He has for each of our lives.

*Scripture (Deut. 30: 15-18) on next page....*

### **(Deuteronomy 30: 15 – 18)**

15 "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil,

16 in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.

17 But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them,

18 I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess.

#### Note:

"perish" here means to wander or lose your way.

### **(Colossians 3: 1 – 3)**

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Not keeping our Covenant or Agreement with God demonstrates our lack of faith and trust in Him.

### **(Matthew 13:58)**

Now He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

### **So What Shall We Do?**

Remember that when we were saved and baptized that we made a promise (Agreement or Covenant) to live for Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Know that God takes this promised Covenant with Him seriously. It is a vow that He will keep us accountable to.

Understand that this Covenant or Agreement is not designed to rob us of life, but it is designed to give us new life and purpose in Him!