

Covenant

First use in the Bible: Genesis 6, verse 8:

"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."

Another use in the Bible: Matthew 26, verse 28:

"For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

INFORMATION

According to Webster's dictionary, a covenant is usually a formal, solemn and binding agreement or contract. A covenant can be given with or without conditions. In the first example from the Bible, God is making a covenant with Noah; a solemn promise that he will preserve Noah and his family throughout the flood. After the flood, God makes another covenant with mankind; that he will never again destroy the earth with a flood. God has kept this promise. In the second example above, Jesus Christ is attending the last supper and is establishing what we, today, call "the Lord's Supper". The new covenant Jesus speaks of is called "The Covenant of Grace". How precious is this new covenant, a covenant Jesus sealed with his own death on the cross and resurrection 3 days later? The old covenant is known as "The Covenant of the Law", and that covenant was never satisfied because it contained a condition. The condition of the covenant of the law was that people must not break any of God's laws; they must not sin. Because all men have sinned, no man was ever saved by the covenant of the law. The new covenant is one of grace. Supreme, Godly, unexplainable GRACE. Men are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. The covenant of the law does not have conditions, just grace. God was faithful to keep his first covenant, and he is faithful to keep the new covenant.

WHAT IT MEANS TO OUR FAMILY

We should always feel secure in God's love; it is based on a covenant of grace, not of law. We believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we remember that God fulfilled his covenant with Noah, and he will fulfill this covenant with us. We will spend eternity with God because he is faithful to fulfill his promise to us.

Relevant Passages

Leviticus 26:42

Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

Deuteronomy 4:31

(For the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

Jeremiah 32:40

And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

Romans 11:26-27

And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: 27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Hebrews 8:12-13

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. 13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.

Hebrews 12:24

And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.