The Nature Of Covenant

VIII. The Covenant Made Through The Cross
A. Double meaning: Covenant/testament
   1. Hebrew—suggests commitment
   2. Greek—terms of an agreement
   3. Translated covenant or testament
   4. Character requirements (Ps. 25:8–14)
      a. Humility
      b. Fear of the Lord
B. A life laid down (Ps. 50:5)
   1. The only scriptural basis of permanent relationships
   2. Based on sacrifice
C. Old Testament sacrifice (Jer. 34:18)
   1. Cut sacrifice in two
   2. Walk between the two parts
   3. Signifies entering a covenant
D. God’s first covenant with Abraham (Gen. 15:6–21; Ps. 105:37)
   1. God’s ultimate commitment (Ps. 89:34)
   2. Only the sacrifices were illuminated (Rev. 4:5; Is. 48:10)
   3. Each party renounced his life on behalf of the other
   4. Historical outworking: First Isaac, then Jesus

The Covenant Of Jesus

VIII. The Covenant Made Through The Cross (cont’d.)
E. God’s second covenant with Abraham (Gen. 17:1–14)
   1. Covenant by circumcision (shedding of blood)
   2. Circumcision foreshadowed blood of Jesus (Abraham’s descendant)
F. New Testament covenant
1. Valid only through death (Heb. 9:16–17)
   Genesis 14:18–20
   a. Melchizedek gave bread and wine to Abraham
   b. In return, Abraham gave tithe
3. Through the sacrifice of Jesus, believers pass into an eternal covenant (Heb. 13:20–21)
4. The double covenant relationship
   a. With God (Rom. 8:32)
   b. With each other (1 John 3:16–17; Acts 4:32–35)
   c. In each case, a life laid down

The Covenant Of Marriage

VIII. The Covenant Made Through The Cross (cont’d.)

G. On the human level, marriage is a covenant
   1. A marriage covenant with God (Prov. 2:16–17)
   2. God will not regard prayers because of poor marriage (Mal. 2:13–14)
   3. Threefold cord: God, man, woman (Ecc. 4:9–12)
      A life laid down for God and your mate
   4. In practice
      a. Enter marriage as a covenant with your life laid down
      b. The woman gives total support to the man (Prov. 31:10–11, 23)
      c. The man “calls her blessed”—praises her (Prov. 31:28–29)
      d. Chain of descending authority: 1 Cor. 11:3
         God ➔ Man ➔ Wife
      e. Woman is the glory of man (1 Cor. 11:7)

The Cost Of Redemption

IX. The Cross Revealed The Love Of God

A. Analyze two parables (Deut. 7:6–8)
   1. The Treasure in the Field (Matt. 13:44)
      a. The man is Jesus
      b. The field is the world
      c. The treasure is God’s foreknown people buried in the world
      d. To obtain treasure the man had to sell all to buy the whole field
      e. We must dig up the treasure
   2. The Pearl of Great Price (Matt. 13:45–46)
      a. The pearl is each individual redeemed soul (Song 1:15, 4:7)
      b. The merchant knew its true value
   3. Interpretation
      a. The man/merchant is Jesus
      b. The price was the blood of Jesus (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 1:17–19)
      c. Jesus overpaid; He was extravagant (Ps. 130:7)

B. Old Testament pattern of blood sacrifice (Lev. 16:13–14): Day of Atonement
1. Censor of fragrance; blood of the sacrifice
2. Blood sprinkled seven times

C. Fulfilled by Jesus
   1. His sweat (Luke 22:44)
   2. Struck on the face with rods (Matt. 26:67; compare Micah 5:1)
   3. Flogged (Matt. 27:26)
   4. Beard pulled out (Is. 50:6)

How To Appropriate The Blood

IX. The Cross Revealed the Love of God (cont’d.)
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      5. Crown of thorns (Matt. 27:29; Is. 52:14)
      6. Nails in hands and feet (Matt. 27:35)
      7. Spear in the side (John 19:31–34)

D. Implications of the shed blood
   1. Abstain from blood (Acts 15:28–29; Lev. 17:10–11)—One of four requirements for the Christian
      a. Things offered to idols
      b. From blood
      c. From things strangled
      d. From sexual immorality
   2. Jesus’ seven steps down (Phil. 2:5–8)
      a. Emptied Himself
      b. A servant
      c. Human form
      d. Human appearance
      e. A humble man
      f. Obedient to death
      g. Death on the cross
   3. Jesus’ seven steps up (Phil 2:9–11; Is. 52:13)
      a. Highly exalted
      b. Receives the name above every name
      c. Every knee should bow
      d. Things in heaven
      e. Things on earth
      f. Things under the earth
      g. Every tongue shall confess
   4. Jesus poured out His soul life to death in His blood (Is. 53:12)

E. How to appropriate the blood
   1. Unite the blood, the Word, our testimony (Rev 12:11 [compare 2 Cor. 10:3–5])
   2. We overcome Satan when we testify personally to what the Word says the blood does for us
   3. Ordinance of the Passover (Ex. 12:21–23)
a. Blood must be transferred from the basin to the house door
b. “Hyssop” is our testimony
c. The blood only protects the obedient (1 Pet. 1:2)
d. The blood is powerless until it is applied
e. The Passover Lamb is Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 5:7)

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The Covenant of Marriage

G. On the human level, marriage is a covenant (cont’d.)
5. What is the evidence in your mate that you have succeeded?
   a. Primarily: security—if your mate is successful, it will give you security
   b. Grace is released by the sacrifice

The Sevenfold Power Of The Blood

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IX. The Cross Revealed The Love Of God (cont’d.)
F. What the Word teaches about the blood
   1. Redemption: To buy back
      a. We must be in Christ (Eph. 1:7)
      b. Redeemed by Christ’s blood (1 Pet. 1:18–19)
      c. Let the redeemed “say so” (Ps. 107:2)

Through the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed
out of the hand of the devil.

2. Cleansing
   a. Continual walking, fellowshipping, being cleansed (1 John 1:7)
   b. The “hyssop” (Ps. 51:7)

While I am walking in the light,
the blood of Jesus is cleansing me now
and continually from all sin.

3. Justification
   a. Righteousness (Rom. 5:9)
   b. “Just-as-if-I’d” never sinned
   c. Made righteous by His blood
      (1) Legally— acquitted
      (2) Proclaimed not guilty
      (3) Not just reckoned righteous, but made righteous
      (4) Justified

Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified,
acquitted, not guilty, reckoned righteous,
made righteous, “just-as-if-I’d” never sinned.
4. Sanctification
   To make holy or saintly (Heb. 13:12)

   Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, set apart to God, made holy, separated from all that is evil.

5. Life—the life of God is in the blood
   b. Romans 8:18–24
   c. Philippians 3:11
   d. Until He comes (1 Cor. 11:26)

   Lord Jesus,
   by faith we feed upon your flesh as real food
   and we receive your blood as real drink and in them we receive your divine, eternal, endless life.

6. Intercession
   a. The sprinkled blood contrasted with the blood of Abel

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   Lord,
   I thank you that your blood is sprinkled in heaven
   and your blood is speaking on my behalf
   for mercy and forgiveness.

7. Access (Heb. 10:19–22)
   a. True heart
   b. Full assurance of faith
   c. Hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience
   d. Bodies washed with pure water (the Word of God)
   e. The high priest = Jesus (Heb. 6:19–20)

   Through the blood of Jesus,
   I have access with confidence
   into the presence of God, the Most Holy place.

B. Make a personal application to each

Self-Test Questions

1. Which of the following words best describes the central purpose of God accomplished through the cross? (circle one)
2. Describe in one word the *universal guilt* of humanity.

3. Mention two aspects of the exchange at the cross which provide a basis for *emotional healing*.
   (1) _______________________________________________________________
   (2) _______________________________________________________________

4. Describe in one word God’s program for our *old man*.

5. What one biblical word describes all that God has provided for us through the cross?

6. List in their logical order the *four steps* to enter into this provision of God.
   (1) _______________________________________________________________
   (2) _______________________________________________________________
   (3) _______________________________________________________________
   (4) _______________________________________________________________

7. Mention *two opposite sides* of God’s nature revealed through the cross.
   (1) _______________________________________________________________
   (2) _______________________________________________________________

8. Mention two ways in which *God dealt with Satan* through the cross.
   (1) _______________________________________________________________
   (2) _______________________________________________________________

9. By what means does Satan seek to obscure the cross?

10. What are *two main results* that follow in the Church when the cross is obscured?
    (1) _______________________________________________________________
    (2) _______________________________________________________________

11. List three verbs that indicate *typical activities of witchcraft*.
    (1) _______________________________________________________________
    (2) _______________________________________________________________
    (3) _______________________________________________________________

12. List *five things* from which the cross can deliver us.
    (1) _______________________________________________________________
    (2) _______________________________________________________________
    (3) _______________________________________________________________
    (4) _______________________________________________________________
    (5) _______________________________________________________________

13. List *three successive steps* to finding the *new life* that God offers us through the cross.
    (1) _______________________________________________________________
    (2) _______________________________________________________________
    (3) _______________________________________________________________

14. What is the only biblical basis for a covenant?

15. How should we fulfill our *covenant commitment* to our fellow believers?

16. To overcome Satan, what *three things* do we need to combine together?
    (1) _______________________________________________________________
    (2) _______________________________________________________________
    (3) _______________________________________________________________
17. List *seven ways* in which the blood of Jesus works in us or for us.

(1) ___________________________ (2) ______________________________
(3) ___________________________ (4) ______________________________
(5) ___________________________ (6) ______________________________
(7) ___________________________ 

**Answers**

1. Exchange
2. Rebellion
3. (1) Shame vs. glory
   (2) Rejection vs. Acceptance
   (The others do not relate to emotional healing)
4. Execution
5. Salvation
6. (1) Repent (2) Believe  
   (3) Confess (4) Act
7. (1) Goodness/kindness (2) Severity
8. (1) Defeated him (2) Disarmed him
9. Witchcraft 
10. (1) Legalism (2) Carnality
11. (1) Manipulate (2) Intimidate  
   (3) Dominate
12. (1) Present evil age (2) The law  
   (3) Self-centeredness (4) The flesh  
   (5) The world
13. (1) Deny self (2) Take up cross  
   (3) Become a seed that falls into the ground
14. A (blood) sacrifice 
15. By laying down our lives for them 
16. (1) The blood (2) The Word  
   (3) Our testimony
17. (1) Redemption (2) Cleansing  
   (3) Justification (4) Sanctification  
   (5) Life (6) Intercession  
   (7) Access

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