

Covenant Rights and Responsibilities Wed 4/4/18

Ephesians 2:12-13 (NKJV)

¹² that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

- 1. In Christ.*
- 2. Made nigh to God by the blood of Christ.*
- 3. Have peace with God.*
- 4. Part of the Church.*
- 5. Reconciled to God.*
- 6. Access to God by the Spirit.*
- 7. Fellow citizens with the saints.*
- 8. Built upon the true foundation.*
- 9. An habitation of God.*

Ephesians 2:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Many things that Christ is to us.

- 1. Peace.*
- 2. Wisdom*
- 3. Righteousness.*
- 4. Sanctification.*
- 5. Redemption.*

1 Corinthians 1:30 (NKJV)

³⁰ But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

- 6. Light.*

John 8:12 (NKJV)

¹² Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

7. The way, truth, and life

John 14:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Ephesians 2:15-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace,

¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

This means that by His death, law was abolished.

Ephesians 2:17-19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

We are no longer strangers and foreigners, but citizens with equal rights with the saints and of all who are of God’s household.

Genesis 15:17-18 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces.

¹⁸ On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying:

“To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—

A flaming torch or burning lamp was an emblem of the Divine Presence. In the east it was custom to light a torch when making a covenant, or in celebration of a marriage to symbolize the fire of destruction if the agreement should be broken.

Genesis 17:1-7 (NKJV)

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.

2 And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.”

3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying:

4 “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.

5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.

6 I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.

7 And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.

His natural generations must continue forever, or else there could not be an everlasting covenant with them.

Jesus –the Seed about whom God was speaking to Abraham.

Galatians 3:13-14 (NKJV)

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”),

14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

All blessings, even the baptism of the Holy Spirit came through redemption and atonement. How could He give to fallen, rebellious men on any other basis?

Galatians 3:15-29 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Brethren, I speak in the manner of men: Though *it is* only a man's covenant, yet *if it is* confirmed, no one annuls or adds to it.

¹⁶ Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

¹⁷ And this I say, *that* the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.

¹⁸ For if the inheritance *is* of the law, *it is* no longer of promise; but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

¹⁹ What purpose then *does* the law *serve*? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; *and it was* appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.

²⁰ Now a mediator does not *mediate* for one *only*, but God is one.

²¹ *Is* the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law.

²² But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

²³ But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.

²⁴ Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

²⁵ But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

²⁹ And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.