

The New Blood Covenant

I. Ingredients of a blood covenant

A. Covenant representatives

1. Both representatives must be by nature represent their people.

B. Blood sacrifice

1. An animal was killed and its blood spilled and the two covenant partners walked through the blood and stood face to face to make covenant.

C. Exchanging of belts- armor

1. In the ancient world a person's armor was connected to their belt. The exchanging of belts signified the exchange of armor and the promise of covenant protection from any enemies

D. Exchanging of cloaks

E. Mingling of blood- exchange of life

1. Both partners would cut their palms and shake hands to commingle their blood together. Since life is in the blood, this was the exchange of lives.
2. The cuts in the palms of the hand would leave scars.

F. Exchange of names

1. Both covenant partners gave their name to the other.

G. Exchange of liabilities and assets

1. Both partners shared their liabilities and assets with the other.

H. Giving of oaths

1. Both covenant partners gave a promise by oath. This must be kept or death would incur!

I. Covenant meal

1. Wine and bread were eaten together

J. Planting of the memorial- tree

II. Christ the Covenant

- A. Christ represented God because He was fully God by nature. [**John 1:1**]

- B. Christ represented man because He was born fully man. [**John 1:14**]
- C. In one person Christ represented both God and man. God cut covenant with humanity in the person of His Son the Lord Jesus Christ!
 - 1. This is seen in type in the Abrahamic covenant. The smoking oven represented God and the torch represented the Son of man. Jesus fulfilled representing both God and man.
- D. Jesus Christ is the covenant of God! [**Isaiah 42:6**]

III. Blood sacrifice

- A. Jesus was the blood sacrifice on Calvary!
- B. Jesus blood is called the blood of the everlasting covenant! [**Heb. 13:20**]

IV. Exchanging of belts

- A. Humanity was naked and had no belt or armor. On the cross became completely naked.
- B. God gave us His belt and armor in this covenant. That is why we are told to put on the full armor of GOD. It starts with the putting on of the belt of truth! [**Eph. 6:13-17**]

V. Exchange of cloaks

- A. We were clothed in shame and guilt. Jesus assumed our shame and guilt on the cross. [**Ps. 69:9**]
- B. We are now clothed with the robe of righteousness! [**Is. 61:10**]

VI. Mingling of blood- exchange of lives

- A. Jesus assumed our fallen life- He became sin. [**2 Cor. 5:21**]
- B. God gave us His life- We are now partakers of the Divine Nature! [**2 Peter 1:4**]
- C. They result and mystery of this covenant is now Christ in us the hope of glory! [**Col. 1:27**] Jesus now bears the scars in His hands!

VII. Exchange of names

- A. Jesus assumed the name Son of Man. He will always carry this name.

[**Mark 14:62**]

B. We were given the name Son of God. [**Gal. 3:26**]

C. We were given the name of Jesus Christ to use that exercises all the authority of God in our behalf! [**John 14:13**]

D. We will be given a new name in heaven! [**Rev. 2:17**]

VIII. Exchange of liabilities and assets

A. On the cross Jesus assumed all our debts. He took into Himself all our sins and transgressions. Humanity had not assets to give to God. Jesus' perfect life was the assets he gave God in our behalf. [**1 Peter 2:24**]

B. God paid all our liabilities by shedding of Divine blood. Jesus blood was divine blood- [**Acts 20:28**]

C. All of the assets of God were given to us which was righteousness, blessings, and sonship! [**Eph. 1:3**]

IX. Giving of the Oaths

A. Jesus gave God an oath in behalf of mankind.

1. **Heb 10:7 THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME— IN THE VOLUME OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME— TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.'** "

B. God gave us an oath

1. **Heb 6:14 saying, "SURELY BLESSING I WILL BLESS YOU, AND MULTIPLYING I WILL MULTIPLY YOU."**

X. Covenant meal

A. We were given a covenant meal- the bread and wine- the body and blood of Jesus. [**1 Cor. 11:23-25**]

B. His body represents Jesus taking into his humanity our condition of sin and guilt and bearing its punishment.

C. His blood represents God imparting His nature to us- righteousness!

XI. The Memorial Tree

A. A covenant tree was planted on Mt. Calvary for all to see which was the wooden cross! [**1 Peter 2:24**]

XII. Living by the Covenant

- A. The blood covenant is foreign to our western culture.
- B. It is important to know as a Christian that God sees us and deals with us based upon the blood covenant He cut with the Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. God does not deal with us based upon our imperfect performance [Law]
- D. God deals with us based upon the shedding of His blood through Jesus Christ.
- E. God blesses us through the perfections of Christ and not our imperfect performance for Him.
- F. We have been reconciled to God. We have been made His covenant friend. It is all based upon the blood of the everlasting covenant! Living on this basis gives us a firm confidence in the goodness of God in our life!! We experience it by faith!!