

## **GOD'S BLOOD COVENANT For the Undeserving, the Unloving, and the Unresponsive!**

Matt. 26:26-28 [Read: Genesis 15:1-21]

ON BEHALF OF ALL THOSE WHOM HE REDEEMS:

### **I. GOD ALWAYS TAKES THE INITIATIVE.**

1. God HAS TAKEN the initiative on behalf of all who make up His Son's Bride: Revelation 13:8 // Ephesians 1:3-4 // Ephesians 2:1-4

We who are redeemed by the blood of Jesus are MOVED TO RESPOND—  
Romans 12:1-2 // 1 Cor. 6:19-20 // 1 John 3:16 // 2 Cor. 5:14-15 //  
2 Cor. 5:14-17 // 2 Cor. 5:19-20

Therefore: DON'T WAIT TO BE MINISTERED UNTO: Eph 4:29-32 / Romans 12:14, 21

### **II. GOD'S BLOOD COVENANT IS UNILATERAL... IT'S ONE SIDED!**

Genesis 15:1-21

John 8:53-56 → THIS IS WHY JESUS SAID: ABRAHAM REJOICED TO SEE MY DAY... AND SAW IT AND WAS GLAD!

To be a Christian is to be IN COVENANT WITH GOD... AT GOD'S INITIATION...

AT GOD'S EXPENSE! Romans 5:6, 8 - IT IS SACRIFICIAL, ONE-SIDED LOVE!

**Hebrews 11:32-38 (AMP)** <sup>36</sup>and others experienced the trial of mocking and scourging [amid torture], and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned [to death], they were sawn in two, they were lured with tempting offers [to renounce their faith], they were put to death by the sword; they went about wrapped in the skins of sheep and goats, utterly destitute, oppressed, cruelly treated <sup>38</sup>(people of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and [living in] caves and holes in the ground.

**1 Peter 2:18-21 Amplified Bible** <sup>20</sup>After all, what kind of credit is there if, when you do wrong and are punished for it, you endure it patiently? But

if when you do what is right and patiently bear [undeserved] suffering, this *finds* favor with God.

<sup>21</sup> For [as a believer] you have been called for this purpose, since Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, **so that you may follow in His footsteps.**

### **1 Peter 3:1-9 (AMP)**

**In the same way, you wives,** be submissive to your own husbands [subordinate, not as inferior, but out of respect for the responsibilities entrusted to husbands and their accountability to God, and so partnering with them] so that even if some do not obey the word [of God], they may be won over [to Christ] without discussion by the *godly* lives of their wives,

<sup>2</sup> when they see your modest and respectful behavior [together with your devotion and appreciation— love your husband, encourage him, and enjoy him as a blessing from God].

<sup>3</sup> Your adornment must not be *merely* external—with interweaving *and* elaborate knotting of the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or [being superficially preoccupied with] dressing in *expensive* clothes;

<sup>4</sup> but let it be [the inner beauty of] the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality *and* unfading charm of a gentle and peaceful spirit, [one that is calm and self-controlled, not over anxious, but serene and spiritually mature] which is very precious in the sight of God.

<sup>5</sup> For in this way in former times the holy women, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands *and* adapting themselves to them;

<sup>6</sup> just as Sarah obeyed Abraham [following him and having regard for him as head of their house], calling him lord. And you have become her daughters if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear

[that is, being respectful toward your husband but not giving in to intimidation, nor allowing yourself to be led into sin, nor to be harmed].

<sup>7</sup> **In the same way, you husbands,** live with *your wives* in an understanding way [with great gentleness and tact, and with an intelligent regard for the marriage relationship], as with someone physically weaker,

since she is a woman. Show her honor *and* respect as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered *or* ineffective.

<sup>8</sup> **Finally, all of you** be like-minded [united in spirit], sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted [courteous and compassionate toward each other as members of one household], and humble in spirit;

<sup>9</sup> **and never return evil for evil or insult for insult** [avoid scolding, berating, and any kind of abuse], but on the contrary, give a blessing [pray for one another's well-being, contentment, and protection]; for you have been called for this very purpose, that you might inherit a blessing [from God that brings well-being, happiness, and protection].

### **It's not fair! THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT!**

It is sacrificial and it is redemptive on behalf of the UNDESERVING. IT IS SACRIFICIAL, ONE-SIDED LOVE!

AREN'T YOU GLAD THAT GOD THE FATHER PAID THE PRICE?--- JOHN 3:16

AREN'T YOU GLAD THAT JESUS, GOD THE SON, PAID THE PRICE?

### **III. GOD'S COVENANT WITH US IS A PERSEVERING COVENANT**

(Heb. 8:10-12; HEB. 10: 16-17)

LIVING IN THESE NEW COVENANT DAYS, GOD SAYS TO HIS SHEEP:

John 10: 27-30— MY SHEEP...

Phil. 1:6— HE WHO BEGAN, WILL COMPLETE

Heb. 12:2—Author and Finisher

***The Persevering Love of God has flooded our hearts... In order to FLOW OUT OF OUR HEARTS ... to others ... to the UNLOVING, UNDESERVING, and the UNRESPONSIVE!***

### **IV. GOD'S COVENANT LOVE IS COSTLY!**

JUST ASK JESUS-- Phil 2:6-8

JUST ASK GOD THE FATHER-- John 3:16

JUST ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT--Rom. 8:26

\*\*\*Jesus says to us: Luke 9:23

We must remember... JESUS IS CALLING US TO WALK IN HIS STEPS FOR THE SOULS OF OTHERS.....

Matthew 26:27-42

**THIS MORNING, GOD IS CALLING:**

1. SOME... TO ENTER INTO COVENANT
2. MANY TO REJOICE IN GOD'S BLOOD COVENANT... CUT FOR YOU!
3. OTHERS—"O GOD, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST THE COVENANT!"
4. STILL OTHERS... TO BEHOLD JESUS... TO BE STRENGTHENED TO GO FORTH INTO THE UNFAIR PLACE.

Not with a long face...

but with the RADIANCE OF CHRIST!

Hebrews 12:2