

The Blood Covenant

Blood Covenant is a very foreign term to modern man. It is not used in everyday conversation so many do not have a proper understanding of the depth, force and power it is meant to carry. For the most part, modern man is greatly removed from the understanding, sacredness and solemnity of such an agreement or contract as a Blood Covenant.

A proper understanding of The Blood Covenant is essential to comprehend the full length and width; height and depth of God's love for us and to fully understand our eternal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

A proper understanding of the BLOOD COVENANT will cause our FAITH to SOAR like an eagle and our confidence in Christ's commitment to us to RADICALLY TRANSFORM our WAY OF THINKING, BELIEVING and LIVING for HIM!

A covenant simply defined is a contract or agreement between two people or two groups of people.

But a blood covenant refers to a contract negotiated and enforced through the shedding of blood. It is unbreakable and never ending.

A blood covenant differs from a normal legal contract because a legal contract or business contract only applies to the one thing that you are negotiating on. It only involves the item to be purchased or sold or whatever is being exchanged. It is only relative to the car you are selling or the business you are buying, etc.

IN CONTRAST with the world's view of a contract a BLOOD COVENANT does not involve only one particular item. A BLOOD COVENANT includes EVERYTHING you possess and EVERYTHING you own. EVERYTHING that is owned by both peoples is MUTUALLY SHARED.

A Blood Covenant is a contract in which ALL debts or liabilities are mutually shared between the two parties or individuals. ALL the debts or liabilities of the one are shared mutually by the individuals. Both peoples also mutually share all assets (possessions).

A blood **contract** like this means that **ALL the BENEFITS and ASSETS, LIABILITIES and DEBTS** of the first person are now owned and shared equally by the second person. Likewise, **ALL the DEBTS, ASSETS, LIABILITIES and BENEFITS** of the second person are **OWNED and EQUALLY SHARED** by the first person!

THE TWO ENTER INTO AN UNENDING UNION OF ONENESS... I no longer live for my own interest or myself but now I am committed to share all I am and all I will ever have or with you.

THIS BLOOD COVENANT is a means of obtaining a LASTING RELATIONSHIP. It is a coming together (being bound together) and a commitment of ALL you have and ALL you are to your covenant partner unto death. Each partner agrees to fulfill the conditions and it is till death.

The seriousness of the covenant is shown by a pronouncement of curses over each partner if one breaks the covenant. This ones life will come to an end if the covenant is broken!!

A blood covenant is a very sacred covenant. It is the most sacred that man has ever known. It is definitely not something new. It is very very old. It is incorporated in all primitive religions. It was understood and used in bible times; in very primitive times and ancient times.

African and Indian tribes are known to enter into blood covenants for a means of protection and security.

The Hebrew word for covenant is BERITH. The word Berith translated into English literally means “to cut where blood flows” or “to cut until blood flows.” A Blood Covenant is enacted when blood is shed. **The blood is a symbol of life.** This shedding of blood represents the two lives are committing their lives to each other. This is my life I am giving to you. If need be I will die for you.

God longs to enter this type of covenant with all of mankind. He opened the door to a blood covenant relationship with mankind through the shed blood and death of His Son, Jesus Christ. Through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus and accepting Jesus as your LORD, God has PROMISED to give you ALL HE IS and ALL HE HAS as YOU GIVE ALL YOU HAVE and ALL YOU ARE to Him.

John 10:10I am come that they might have **LIFE**, and that they might have it more ABUNDANTLY.

In this Divine Eternal Covenant God has made an agreement, an eternal contract with humanity. That contract states He will be there us. He will be our God and we will be His people.

He will be everything to us that we need.... our Life, our Strength, our Peace, our Joy, our Wisdom, our Healer, our Provider, etc.... and that all His glory (possessions) and all that He can do (Holy Ghost power) belong to us as we surrender our lives unconditionally to Him.

To The Elder Brother (In The Prodigal Son Story)

Luke 15:31 (covenant talk) And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me and ALL THAT I HAVE is thine.... is already thine... and everything I have is yours. (Covenant talk)

Hebrews 5:13 (covenant talk)

for He [God] Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. [I will] not, [I will] not, [I will] not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let [you] down (relax My hold on you)! [Assuredly not!]

Romans 8:32 He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us ALL, how shall He not with Him also freely give us ALL THINGS?

Romans 8:17 ... If we are children then we are **heirs of God** and joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

The Blood Covenant: The Great Exchange.... I give you ALL and you give me ALL... Together we become ONE

There are 8 scriptural steps for entering into a blood covenant. Jesus Christ fulfilled all 8 steps when entering into covenant with man.

Let's look at what Christ has done in covenanting with you and me in Christ.

Step 1...You would Exchange Coats.

You would take off your coat or a certain garment. You would give what you had taken off to the other person. That person would take off a garment and hand it to you. When two people change garments they are saying, “all I own and all my belongings are yours.” This is a way of saying that ALL our possessions are available to the other person.

Romans 4:8-11....He gives us the robe of righteousness in exchange for our garments of sin.

Isaiah 64: 6 We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.

Isaiah 61:10 I will rejoice greatly in the LORD, My soul will exult in my God; For He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness...

Luke 15:28-31“The older brother became angry and refused to go in (to the party). So his father went out and pleaded with him. 29 But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. 30 But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

31“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. 32But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

Step 2 ...You would Exchange Weapons.

This is saying, “ all my strength and all my war abilities are available to you.” In other words, “ I will fight to the death on your behalf.” This exchange of weapons indicates that all my strength and all my power is available to you.

Ephesians 6: 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. **11Put on the full armor of God**, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. **12For** our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. **13Therefore put on the full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. **14** Stand firm then, with the **belt of truth** buckled around your waist, with the **breastplate of righteousness** in place, **15and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.** **16**In addition to all this, take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. **17**Take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the **Word of God.**

Step 3...You would exchange Names

You would take something of the other person’s name and add it to your name, and you would make your name and add it to the other person’s name.

This indicates that the covenant partners are absolutely one together! This shows the world by writing your name who you are in covenant with; also what is especially important is that it gives **power of attorney** over all the belongings of your covenant partner.

Power of attorney is the fact that you can go anywhere and use your partner's name and get anything he would be able to get. This gives you legal rights to what belongs to your covenant partner. It is legally now yours!

You have the legal right to use the Name of Jesus Christ in order to make your prayer request known. That Name, the Name of Jesus, is your Covenant Name.

John 16:23 Whatever you ask the Father in My Name, He will give you.

You also have the right to use the Name of Jesus Christ to defeat the devil.

Mark 16: 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: **In My name** they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not harm them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will be made well.”...

Step 4...The Blood Cutting

In becoming covenant blood brothers a cut is made on the wrists or palms of the two people's hands. They have to shake hands or rub wrist together. the moment the blood mixes the covenant is in force and you are blood covenant brothers. ALL I OWN IS YOURS AND ALL YOU OWN IS MINE. The shedding of the blood is the seal of the covenant. Ash is rubbed into the wound to keep the wound VISIBLE after it heals. this shows everyone that a blood covenant was made. You are committed to one another for life. The two lives are One New Life now!

Jesus still has nail scarred hands today... providing His eternal covenant love and relationship with you and me in Christ.

John 20: 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; **see my hands.** Reach out your hand and put it **into my side.** **Stop doubting and believe.**"

Step 5... The splitting of Animals

The partners would cut an animal into two equal halves and lay the two halves on the ground with a space between the halves. They would walk between the two halves in a figure 8 through and around the animal.

The figure 8 symbolizes infinity... never ending, eternal. This covenant, that is now being entered into can never be broken.

Genesis 15: 1-8 In the covenant with Abraham there were 3 animals split in half (five killed all together) and a smoking oven (fire: representing Father God) and a burning torch (light: Jesus Christ) passed through the pieces.

An eternal covenant was being made with Abraham the Father of faith. It was sealed in blood by God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son.

Step 6... Blessings and curses are pronounced.

If you keep the covenant there are blessings and there are curses for breaking it.

Deuteronomy 28 enumerates blessings for obedience in keeping the covenant and curses for disobedience.

John 3:16-18 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever **believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.** 17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but **whoever does not believe stands condemned** already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Galatians 3:13 Christ **redeemed us from the curse of the law** by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole." 14 **He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.**

Step 7 ...A memorial set up between the covenant partners.

They agree to erect something which they will remember, or which will be a constant reminder that they have a covenant.

The CROSS is an eternal sign of the unending covenant that God has with man through Jesus Christ. This reminds us that he gave us His ALL and pledges His ALL to us who believe.

Psalm 84:11For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. 12O LORD of hosts, How blessed is the man who trusts in You!...

Step 8...A final step is the Covenant Meal...

Two parties entering into covenant would eat bread and drink wine. The bread symbolized the body of the person and the wine represented the blood. When he gave bread to his covenant

partner and he ate it, he was eating the person's body symbolizing that his body is in his partner's now and his partner's body is in him. **THEY ARE ONE.** The wine represents the blood and the blood is the **LIFE** of the flesh. When the partners drink each other's wine, it literally means that his life is in his partner and his partner's life is in him now; therefore, they **ARE ONE LIFE NOW.**

The Last Supper

Luke 22: 19 And He **took the bread**, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "**This is My body, given for you**; do this in remembrance of Me." 20 In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in My blood**, which is poured out for you.

That is Covenant Talk.

When Jesus Christ sat down at that Last Supper to celebrate the Passover meal with his disciples before His crucifixion He represented the Father God. At that time Jesus Christ, as God, was initiating a Covenant with humanity when He said... "This is my Body which is for you, this is My blood which is shed for you."

After rising from the dead He went into the heavenliness right before the Father with His own blood, as a High Priest He entered into the Holy of Holies. He walked into heaven with His blood and was saying in essence that He had come as a man, representing Humanity as a High Priest and making covenant with the Father.

The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ became the Mediator of a better covenant. Right there He introduced humanity to a better covenant with God. He represented man before God, and God

together with Jesus Christ became One in an absolutely new eternal covenant with man. This covenant can never be broken or annulled, because the Covenant exists between God and Jesus Christ, and all those who are in Jesus Christ are all partakers of that eternal covenant.

Thank God for His unending love and faithfulness which is available to all who will believe in Jesus Christ.