

## What is a Covenant?

Our covenant that we make in baptism with our Master transfers us from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. We make a covenant to walk in a manner worthy of the good news. Whatever that manner is is the covenant we must keep. It is self-surrender, not self-will. We are to rule with His power, not our own. The nations have to use self-will and their own power and strength to align their behavior and conscience with that covenant (of Gen 3). This makes them worthy of the covenant.

We are preparing to rule over them, the nations. We are being prepared to rule by His power to surrender our will to His will so He can rule over us. We're restored back to the garden, walking with Him so we won't sin a sin unto death. If we let our self-consciousness rule us, we'll never give out a single Freepaper. We have to deny ourselves. Self-consciousness is a sin unto death.

We make ourselves worthy of eternal life in only one way — by receiving what we've heard (Acts 13:34). We make ourselves worthy by surrendering ourselves to Him. If we work in our own strength and power it is a sin unto death. Whatever we must do must be in His strength. If we provide our own strength it is the flesh and we will not be worthy of the Kingdom. This is the covenant we made when we went in the water. It is the only way He gives us His Spirit. He can't live in people who live their own lives.

We can do nothing without Him (Jn 15:5). If we've ever heard His voice we will be able to do it — not work in our own power but in total dependence upon Him. We will walk just like Adam walked with Him. When Adam fell he quit depending on Him. This is the covenant we make with Him — to deny ourselves. If we serve in our own strength, we sin a sin unto death. When we enter the covenant we say, “Yahshua, you are my Sovereign.” We can't say that unless the Holy Spirit allows us to.

We believe God our Father gave power to our Master and raised Him from the dead (Rom 10:9). This is our baptismal confession. It puts us back in the garden again, living in

communion with Him. But if we work in our strength it is a sin unto death. We are in the garden walking in the Spirit. Is there a difference between living and walking by the Spirit? *If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit* (Gal 5:25). If you live by the Spirit you will walk by the Spirit.

Gal 5:26 — Vainglory — if we don't walk by the Spirit we'll provoke and challenge one another. Walking by our own will and power is living just by our soul. It is vainglory and soon we will be divided. For our own self is incapable of unity. That is why Christianity is incapable of unity beyond all remedy. Christianity has no covenant.

Eph 4:1-3 — This teaches us how to walk according to the covenant we have made. Denying self means being humble. If we are not humble as the word tells us to be we will provoke and challenge one another. We will be looking for vainglory then. We must walk instead in humble dependence on our Master, the Holy Spirit and each other, not initiating our own works. We must live according to the commandment to love each other as Messiah loved us.

Jn 13:34,35 is impossible in the flesh. Christians say it can't happen until we get to heaven. But it is possible if we live according to the Spirit. It is according to how we deny ourselves. Familiarity breeds contempt. He put us here in the Body so we can explode if we live in the flesh. In the Spirit we forbear and would even put up with Jews. (But what is in the Jews is in all human nature.)

Christians say Jn 13:34 won't happen because of the weakness of human nature. We must live by the power of the age to come, bringing enough heaven here on earth to do it. We should be known by Jn 13:35. How much love do we have to have to live like Him? It can't be done in the flesh. We can't love our wife as Messiah loves the Edah in our own strength. We must deny ourselves. God can't bless the flesh. It ends in disaster like the first church died of waning love (Eph 6:24; 1 Cor 16:22). If we don't love our Master with an undying love we will be cut off.

Rev 3:2-4 — They left their first love. We mustn't lose it, let it cool off or wane. We must love each other as Messiah loved us. In Sardis, only a few were left who hadn't committed a sin

unto death (1 Jn 5:16) If we deny ourselves as the early part of the first church did we could turn the world upside down. We could do this if we deny our self-consciousness. If we are led by the Spirit we can do anything.

### **Marriage Covenant**

*For This Cause I and II* must be passed on to people getting married. It should be spoken in the wedding for the sake of our visitors. This is why we have public weddings, so our guests can hear the prophets speak.

When our youth get married it is for a particular purpose (Mal 2:14-16). This is the purpose of marriage. This is the marriage covenant. What He wants is godly offspring. Marriage sanctifies our children. This is why when someone comes in we sanctify their children (1 Cor 7:14).

Who is the witness of the marriage covenant? The Sovereign is (Mal 2:14). Pr 2:17 speaks about Mal 2:14, of the *strange woman ... that leaves the companion of her youth, and forgets the covenant of her God*. Covenants are confirmed before witnesses.

1 Sam 20:12,15,16,23 — This speaks about a covenant, an invoking of God to act as judge and witness between them. This insures the covenant will be between them forever. Many people have been unfaithful to what they have spoken. There have been at least a 1000 people through the Edah who have walked according to the flesh imitating the Spirit. Sooner or later their sin found them out. How easily is this detected in others or ourselves? We have been chosen for the purpose of ruling with Him.

Dt 30:19,20 — Ancient covenants or treaties specified that a copy of the treaty was to be placed before the gods of the nations involved. In Israel there was a place in the Ark of the Covenant for these. Verse 20 — For Yahweh is your life. Your life denied so His life can be lived. This is essential to gaining the land. Verse 20 is the land that He keeps His eye on every day of every year (over 3000 years now). The only way to get it is that He would be our life. He's going to keep His part of the covenant because there will be a people who will keep their part.

Dt 33:9 — What does this mean? Dt 31:8 was carried over into the New Covenant (Dt 31:8; Heb 13:5; Dt 31:9).

**Kharash:** The Levites were to function as guardians of Israel's conscience. When the authority supported this, Israel was blessed. When it didn't, they fell.

Isa 8:1,2 — The witnesses would attest to the legal transaction. Getting married is making the marriage covenant before many witnesses. What if many guests came and they you violated your marriage covenant? It would hang Messiah up to public shame. It would be a sin unto death.