

# COVENANT

To better understand God and His Word, you must understand covenant. Much of the Bible is written with covenant terminology and involves covenant principles. There are also numerous references of covenants between men, and between God and man. As a Christian, we are in covenant with both God and other Christians and must be faithful to both to walk upright before the Lord:

1 John 1:7

*“but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

Marriage is also a covenant, which is why God hates divorce and adultery. Many problems plague marriages because of ignorance about what being a faithful covenant partner means.

We were helpless in our sin until the Lord Jesus Christ came and made covenant with the Father for us - much like Abram who was put to sleep in the covenant process (Genesis 15:12). We go into covenant when we acknowledge and confess Jesus as Lord (Romans 10:9-10). Once in covenant, we continue to be faithful friends of God (covenant term) when we walk in obedience to Him.

John 15:14

*“You are My friends, if you do what I command you.”*

1 John 3:24

*“And the one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And we know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.”*

We actually go into the Name of Jesus Christ at baptism. When we walk according to His pattern and do things according to his direction, it is considered abiding in His Name (covenant term).

Colossians 3:17

*“And whatever you do in word or deed, {do} all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”*

Covenant blessings occur, and even find you, (Deuteronomy 28) when we walk in obedience (abide in) Him.

Deuteronomy 28:2

*“And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you will obey the LORD your God”*