

## *The Message Notes (June 6, 2021)*

### **Message: Walking in Christ's Covenant with God**

- Confession
- Prayer
- Scripture: Matthew 26:26-28 (NIV)



### **Introduction:**

God is a God of **covenant** relationship.

**Covenant** is a relationship agreement that unites two or more parties as one and obligates them to fulfill the terms of the covenant.

### **Biblical Covenants – Old and New:**

1. **Edenic** covenant – Genesis 3:16-17, 3:15
2. **Abrahamic** covenant – Genesis 12:1-3
3. **Mosaic** covenant – Exodus 19-24
4. **Davidic** covenant – 2 Samuel 7
5. **Christ's** covenant – Matthew 26:26-28

### **Elements** of a covenant:

1. It is an **agreement** (terms)
2. It **unites** two or more parties as **one**
3. It **obligates** all parties to fulfill the **terms** of the covenant
4. It is usually **hierarchical** (name/greater/lesser)
5. It is either **conditional** or **unconditional**
6. It **covers** or **hovers** over (promote, protect, or prosper)
7. It is **sacred**: blood sacrifice and unto death

### **Conditional and Unconditional Covenants:**

#### **Conditional** Covenant:

**Exodus 24:7 NIV.** Then he took the **Book** of the **Covenant** and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the Lord has said; we will **obey**." **8.** Moses then took the **blood**, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the **blood** of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." Reference: Numbers 30:2

- How often do you read God's **covenant** Book?
- Do you read the Bible like a covenant (obligated to obey)?

#### **Unconditional** Covenant:

**Genesis 12:1.** The Lord had said to Abram, "**Go leave** from your country, your people and your father's household to the land **I will** show you."

2. “**I will** make you into a great nation and **I will** bless you; **I will** make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3. **I will** bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you will curse; and **all peoples** on earth will be **blessed** through you.” (NIV)

- Do you know the promises of “I will” over your life?
- Do you claim the promises of the covenant?

**Points:** Walking in Christ’s Covenant:

**v.28.** This is **my blood** of the **covenant**, which is **poured out** for many for the **forgiveness of sins**. Reference: John 6:53

1. It’s an **unconditional** covenant – 2 Corinthians 5:19

“God made a covenant with Himself in Christ’s name, so the covenant cannot be broken by man.” References: Hebrews 10:12, 2 Corinthians 5:21, John 16:23

- What does it mean God made covenant with Himself in Christ?
- What does Christ’s unbreakable covenant mean to you?

2. It’s ratified by **faith** – Ephesians 2:8

“There is nothing in you **good** enough for God. Therefore, God saved you by **faith** in the **works** of Christ.”

- What does walk by faith in covenant with God look like?

3. It’s obeyed by **love** – John 14:21

“God wants love response to His covenant; you live for God instead of yourself.”

- What is your evidence you love God?
- Can you be convicted for loving God in the court of law?

4. It’s produced by the **Holy Spirit**

**Philippians 2:13.** For God is **working** in you, giving you the **desire** and the **power** to do what **pleases** him. (NLT)

“There is nothing in you that responds to God; God works in you to respond to Him, gives you the power to please him.” Reference Hebrews 10:16

- Do you yield to the desires of God working in you?
- What is your evidence of yielding to God’s desires?