*The Message Notes* Message: Our Covenant with One Another 2023 Messenger: Pastor Keith (PK) Text: I Corinthians 10:16-17 Date: January 1, 2023



I Corinthians 10:16. When we bless the cup at the Lord's Table, aren't we sharing in the blood of Christ? And when we break the bread, aren't we sharing in the body of Christ? 17. And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body. (NLT)

**Objective**: to remind us of God's covenant with us through Jesus Christ is the guiding principle of our relationship with one another.

## Our teaching:

- 1. Understanding Covenant Relationship
- 2. Biblical Covenants Old and New
- 3. Our Covenant with One Another

## 1. Understanding Covenant Relationship:

a) According to the following passages of Scriptures, Deuteronomy 7:6, Ephesians 1:4-5, what is the "awe" factor about God and being chosen for His family?

b) According to the definition of a covenant relationship, do you walk in covenant with God and your church family (give practical evidence)?

**Covenant Definition**: terms of a relationship that binds two or more parties as one and obligates them to obey the terms of the covenant.

## 2. Biblical Covenants: Old and New Covenants:

a) The Old Covenant: is God's **bilateral** agreement with Israel. The New Covenant is God's unilateral agreement with the church through Christ. According to the following passages of Scriptures, what are the differences? Deuteronomy 26:26-28, Exodus 24:7-8, Ephesians 2:8-10.

## 3. Our Covenant with One Another

a) According to the passage Acts 4:32, what was the devotion to covenant relationship the early church possessed?

b) We promise to promote, protect, and prosper our church family by connecting with the following covenant W.O.R.D.S. we live by:

**W**\_\_\_\_\_ (gifts) – We connect with our gifts to serve in ministry, so we can build up the works of ministry in our church family. I Peter 4:12

**O**\_\_\_\_\_(go) – We connect with the mission to go into the world to share our witness and the gospel, so we can increase followers of Christ to build up our church family. Matthew 28:19

 ${\bf R}_{\rm }$  (group) – We connect with small groups and social groups, so we can build up meaningful relationships within our church family. Romans 12:5

**D**\_\_\_\_\_(growth) – We connect in small group studies to grow in obedience to the teachings of Christ, so we can do His works, which builds up the maturity of our church family. Matthew 4:19

**S**\_\_\_\_\_ (give) – We connect with our finances to give out of generosity (our tithes, offerings, and firstfruits), so we can build up the prosperity plan of church family. Acts 2:42

c) According to our message, name the benefits of walking in covenant relationship with our church family:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ us in agreement
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_\_ us to do our part
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ us in fellowship
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ our potential
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_ becomes possible

**Genesis 11:6**. "Look!" he said. "The people are **united**, and they **all speak the same language**. After this **nothing** they set out to do will be **impossible** for them.