

Study Guide

Series: Covenant Relationship

Message: *Walking in Covenant Membership*

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Text: I Corinthians 10.16-17 (NKJV)



Objective: to teach we're in covenant with one another by being part of the Body of Christ and partaking of the communion meal.

Review:

1. Why did God create us? 'God created us to be His own - a people set apart, united with Him through a covenant relationship.' (Leviticus 26.12)
2. What is a covenant? A covenant is an agreement that **binds** two or more parties together and **obligates** them to **honor the terms** of the covenant.

'God's covenant is His commitment to us - a promise that says, 'I've chosen you, and I'm with you fully, faithfully, and forever.'

3. How do we respond to God's covenant? 'God desires a relationship where we walk faithfully with Him - reliable, obedient, and committed to His covenant – as He leads us into a lasting future together.' (Exodus 24.7)

'Jesus initiates the new covenant through His body and blood sacrificed on the cross.' Matthew 26.27-28

When we place our faith in Christ:

- God becomes our Father
- We are His Children
- Other followers become our Brothers and Sisters
- The church becomes our Spiritual Family
- And we walk in Covenant relationship

Reflection:

1. Am I living in obedience to God's covenant, or only when it's convenient?
2. What does being '*set apart*' for God look like in my life right now?
3. Do I trust God's covenant promises fully, even when the future is uncertain?

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1. _____ – 16. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? When we partake of communion, we're not just remembering the sacrifice of Christ - we're participating in His covenant.

2. _____ – 17a. For we, though many, are one bread and one body; We're in partnership with one another as one body - communion unites us in Christ and calls us to live in fellowship, love, and unity.
3. _____ - v17b. for we all partake of that one bread. The bread of communion reminds us that God is the source of our spiritual life and daily provision.

Application: When Christ followers embrace walking in covenant with God:

1. _____ His faithfulness:
 - a) His presence – John 10.27
 - b) His persistence – Hebrews 13.5
 - c) His promises – Matthew 6.33, John 15.7
2. _____ to the Scriptures:
 - a) Scriptures bind God and His people in agreement
 - b) Scriptures shape your values, decisions, and directions
 - c) Scriptures reveal the promises and penalties of the covenant
 - d) Scriptures sets forth how His people are to live, worship, and relate to God and to one another
3. _____ church relationships: Acts 4.32
 - a) Accountable – holding each other to God's truth
 - b) Mutual commitment – walk together in faith
 - c) Shared purpose – serving together using our gifts
 - d) Common identity – we're in Christ
4. _____ mission will not be impossible to accomplish:
 - a) **Unites** us in agreement to promote (uphold), protect (cover), and prosper (bless) our church family
 - b) **Obligates** us to use our gifts to do our part
 - c) **Connects** us in fellowship to build relationships
 - d) **Maximizes** us to reach our potential

Reflection:

1. Am I more of a **consumer** than a **covenant** partner?
2. How can I be more reliable, faithful, and supportive within my church?
3. Are my relationships accountable or surface-level connections?

Application:

1. How will I respond when keeping covenant with God feels difficult or costly?
2. What can I do to be more separated unto God?
3. What can I do to consistently renew my commitment to God taking communion?