

# First Wednesday

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If you don't know what belongs to you, you can't enjoy it.

Most Christians aren't aware of their covenant rights and privileges.

**Hosea 4:6-7** – My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge.

Covenant: A binding agreement that is sealed with blood or the exchange of gifts. A contract so binding that in many cultures if it is broken, the offending party must forfeit his or her life.

**Psalm 89:34-35** – My covenant I will not break, I will be true to my agreement. I will not alter or change the thing that has gone forth from my mouth. <sup>35</sup> Once I have sworn by my holiness that I will not lie to David.

No covenant = no hope and no promises!

**Ephesians 2:11-13** – Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders by birth. You were called "the uncircumcised ones" or "ones without a covenant" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. <sup>12</sup> In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from God's people, Israel, and you were also excluded from the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. <sup>13</sup> But now you belong to Christ Jesus. Though you once were far away from God, now you have been brought near to him because of the blood of Christ.

The new covenant is a better covenant!

**Hebrews 8:6** – But now He [Jesus] has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

The new covenant has everything the old had, plus more!

The understanding of "The Blood Covenant" has provided the foundation for some of the greatest exploits of faith in the bible.

God Makes Covenant with Abraham:

**Genesis 17:1-4** – When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am the Almighty God. Obey me and always do what is right. <sup>2</sup> I will make my covenant with you and give you many descendants." <sup>3</sup> Abram bowed down with his face touching the ground, and God said, <sup>4</sup> "I make this covenant with you: I promise that you

will be the ancestor of many nations.”

In this covenant, God promised that Isaac would be the seed that would carry on Abraham’s name and blessing.

Genesis 22: God tells Abraham to offer up Isaac as a sacrifice.

Only on the strength of his covenant with God could he have obeyed God and offered up Isaac. Abraham knew that God would have to raise Isaac from the dead if he offered him up!

Abraham knew that if God broke covenant with him, God would have to forfeit his very life.

**Hebrews 11:17-19** – By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac. This man who had made God's promises his own, offered up his only begotten son <sup>18</sup> of whom God had promised, “that in Isaac shall your seed be called,” <sup>19</sup> accounting that God was able to raise Isaac up, even from the dead. Therefore Abraham received Isaac raised up in a figure.

Abraham had such great faith in his covenant with God that he knew God was “obligated” to raise Isaac up!

**Hebrews 10:16-17** – “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days,” says the Lord: “I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,” <sup>17</sup> then He adds, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”