

THE LORD'S PLAN OF COVENANT (Relationship)

Creation (Perfect)

Man (spirit-mind-body) alive to God

Fall of Man

Spirit dies – dead to God Man is sinner – separated from God.

Flood

Man did what was right in their own eyes.

Lord's judgment on fallen mankind.

The Lord starts over – Noah.

Abraham – friend of God – righteous.

The Lord seeking to create people of faith

1st Covenant – Ten Commandments
 You do this, I will do this.

 Fails because of Israelites (sin nature - fallen).
 Blood sacrifices by priests to forgive sins.

 (Constant reminder of sins – could not remove sin nature.)
 External sprinkling and washing with blood.

 Obedience is better than sacrifice (sinners cannot obey).

NEW CREATION

2ND Covenant – Jesus

"I come, Lord, to do your will."

Succeeds because Jesus fulfills law for us.

Removes sin nature. Makes people righteous and holy.

Internal – law of God written on our hearts and minds.

Sin nature removed. We are able (grace) not to sin.

Saint nature. Holy and forgiven through the blood of Jesus.

Based on faith and promise in what Jesus did, not our religious works.

Spirit alive to God – Mind of Christ and Body is temple.

Jesus is high priest, mediator, and advocate.



BORN AGAIN BELIEVER

- Spirit, which was dead, comes alive through faith in Jesus.
- Born of Heaven (John 1), of Spirit, not of earth (flesh nature)
- Curse of separation from God removed. One with the Lord.
- Saint of God (not sinner). Nature is changed.
- Position is seated with Christ in heavenlies. (Colossians 3)
- Righteousness (right standing with the Lord) through the blood of Jesus. All sins removed.
- Holy, new creation in Christ Jesus (perfect and holy).
- God's grace enables us to do will of God and not sin.
- All promises of God and authority of God are effective.
- Royal priests, chosen and set apart to fellowship and praise the Lord. Created to God's praise and worship.
- God's good workmanship, created to bring the Lord glory and honor.
- Lives by the Lord's grace (ability and favor), principles and promises (abundant Life). Lives to and for the Lord not self.
- The Lord's faith, hope, and love abide and control the believer.
- Produce good God-fruit for others as one is attached to Jesus.
- In the world, not of it. About the Lord's purpose and will (mission).
- Name is written in Book of Life, forever the Lord's child.
- Born into this world (physical birth) to have opportunity to hear the gospel (good news about Jesus) and be "born again" (spiritually).
- The Lord lives within us enabling us to will and to do His good pleasure. The Law of Life and Health (not sin, sickness and death) control our lives.
- Able to obey the Lord's commandments and not sin because of Jesus and the Lord's grace in us, working the Lord's will and purpose by the Holy Spirit.
- Has direct access to the Lord. No need for mediator (Mary, saints, etc.) because the Father Himself loves the believer.