

Session #3: Truth or Tradition  
(The New Covenant – Part 1)

Many of Us Grow Up Trying to Live New Covenant Realities by Old Covenant Theologies!

A Proper Grasp of the New Covenant Is Essential for New Covenant Living

- Not everything that's "Biblical" is "Christian" – Heb 7:11,19; 8:13; 10:1
- It is the cure/antidote for both legalism and license – Col 1:27
- It accurately defines and fully interprets our new creation selves – II Cor 5:17; Col 3:4
- It allows us to properly confess, "Not I, but Christ" – Ga 2:20; Col 2:6
- It keeps us from begging God for what we already have – II Pet 1:3,4; Eph 1:3

Stunning Truth #1: Our God Is a Covenant-Making God – Jer 31:33; Heb 8:10; Ps 25:14  
(He is God "FOR" us!)

- We Deal with a God Who Initiates Relationship with Himself

...an everlasting God with an everlasting desire for an everlasting family – Eph 4:1-12

...His covenant promise is to deliver a Person to accomplish that – Gen 3:15; Gen 12; Jo 3:16

...in Him there is Divine initiative and Divine continuance – Ps 138:8; Phil 1:6; II Tim 2:13

...every covenant arrangement with God is always by grace through faith – Eph 2:8-9

- The Ground of God's Covenant Is Always Himself, His Loving Nature – Jer 31:3; Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8-10; I Jo 4:8

...His holy passion for oneness – I Jo 3:1; I Cor 6:17

...What began in His heart He will finish in us – Ps 138:8; Phil 1:6

...He is both Promiser and Performer – I Cor 1:30; Ro 4:21; Ga 3:5; Phil 2:13; Heb 13:21

- The Aim and Goal of Covenant: Two Parties Coming Together to Function As One – Amos 3:3;  
Jo 17:22-23

...rooted and grounded in knowing one another – Heb 8:11; Jo 17:3

...sharing life together – I John 1