

Becoming a Person of Covenant

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Matt. 26:28

ιαθήκη [diatheke /dee•ath•ay•kay/] n f.

1. a disposition arrangement, of any sort, which one wishes to be valid.

This is the reason for covenants: there are things that we wish to be valid (real, trustworthy)

cov•e•nant

1. The conditional promises made to humanity by
2. God, as revealed in Scripture.
3. 2. A solemn agreement between the members of a
4. church to act together in harmony with the precepts
5. of the gospel.
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God is calling those of us who call ourselves "Believers" to a higher standard of living for Him in our marriage, in our relation with Him, and also in our relation with His body with the _____ church _____ body _____.

This is called a covenant.

To give our best for His glory requires unrelenting determination. It is absolute & irrevocable surrender of the will.

It takes absolute trust on God alone. Absolute abandonment to His will.

Ephesians 5:22-23

Christ and the Church model Husband/Wife relationship
The apostle Paul gives a glimpse of the Bridegroom and bride - a heavenly model for every marriage on earth.

Ephesians 5:22-33 / The Amplified Bible

32 This mystery is very great, but I speak concerning
[the relation of] Christ and the church.

33 However, let each man of you [without exception]
love his wife as [being in a sense] his very own self;
and let the wife see that she respects and
reverences her husband that she notices him,
regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and
esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises
him, and loves and admires him exceedingly.

When you make an investment, whatever you invest
in appreciates - goes up in value. On the hand, when
something is neglected or even destructed, it depreciates -
goes down in value

In order for us to be a people of covenant, we must
be a person of Covenant.

Luke 15:11-32 - Pursuit of Happiness

We see that the son left his protection (by covenant)
saying to his father "Give Me". But after the breaking
and crushing of life, he came back repentant and
teachable, saying "Make Me"

Jesus gave us the answer to this in Mathhew 10:38-39
38 "And he who does not take his cross and follow Me
is not worthy of Me."

39 "He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his
life for My sake will find it."