



The Week of October 10, 2021
Jesus, The Covenant Keeper
Conversation Guide

Last Week

- How is your relationship with God?
 - If you're a believer, you are in a covenant relationship with God! How's it going?
- Look at other relationships in your life. Are you holding up your end of those covenants (both spoken and unspoken covenants)?

This Week's Take-Aways

- **About Salvation:** (Ephesians 2:1-10) Salvation is an act of God's grace, not of our works. God offers redemption of anyone who accepts Jesus as Lord and Savior. They become new persons in Christ, have their sins forgiven by God, are set apart to live for God's purposes and anticipate eternity in heaven with God.
- **About Christ:** (Hebrews 1:1-4) I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God who became man, lived a perfect life, died for sinners, rose from the dead and now reigns at the right hand of the Father.

Intro Questions

- What are the top three "Sunday School" answers to any question?
 - Why do Churches and the Bible make such a big deal about Jesus?
- Have you ever broken a promise? What did it do to that relationship?
- When was the last time you paid off a debt? How did it feel? How does it feel living in debt?

Covenant Fulfilled

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

But as it is, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead also comes through a man. For just as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

- What was the outcome of Adam's decision for humanity?
- What was the outcome of Jesus's decision for humanity?

Luke 22:20

In the same way he also took the cup after supper and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

- How was the new covenant formed?
- Who took the first steps to form the new covenant? What did it cost Him?
- What are our first steps to join the new covenant? What does it cost us? -(Check out Acts 3:17-20)

The Perfect Sacrifice

Hebrews 9:11-15

But Christ has appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come. In the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands (that is, not of this creation), he entered the most holy place once for all time, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a young cow, sprinkling those who are defiled, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works so that we can serve the living God?

Therefore, he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called might receive the promise of the eternal inheritance, because a death has taken place for redemption from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. '

- How effective were the Old Testament sacrifices? How often did they have to be completed?
- How effective is Christ's sacrifice? How often did He have to offer Himself as our sacrifice?

Eternal Life

John 17:3-5

“This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent — Jesus Christ. I have glorified you on the earth by completing the work you gave me to do. Now, Father, glorify me in your presence with that glory I had with you before the world existed.”

- What did Jesus mean when He said He was complete the work? (hint: “It is finished.”)
- Is “eternal life” defined by time or by relationship according to this passage?
- When does eternal life start? When you die or when you accept Christ?

2 Corinthians 3:5-8,12-18

It is not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God. He has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Now if the ministry that brought death, chiseled in letters on stones, came with glory, so that the Israelites were not able to gaze steadily at Moses’s face because of its glory, which was set aside, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?...

...Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness. We are not like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from gazing steadily until the end of the glory of what was being set aside, but their minds were hardened. For to this day, at the reading of the old covenant, the same veil remains; it is not lifted, because it is set aside only in Christ. Yet still today, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts, but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. We all, with unveiled faces, are looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory; this is from the Lord who is the Spirit.

- Are we able to fulfill the covenant on our own?
- What does it mean that the Israelites had veiled faces and hard hearts?
- What does it mean that we are looking in a mirror at the glory of the Lord?
- How clean of a mirror are you? How good a job are you doing at reflecting God’s glory?

Next Steps

- How is the new covenant a fulfillment of God’s original covenant with the nation of Israel? (Check out last week’s Conversation Guide).
- Have you submitted yourself to the authority of Jesus as your Savior and King and signed your name on this new covenant? Learn more at icelebration.org/fresh-start