

The Promise, God's Everlasting Covenant Lesson 12: "Covenant Faith"

This Week's Study: Gal 6:14; Rom 6:23; 1 John 5:11, 13; Rom 4:1–7; Lev 7:18; Lev 17:1–4; Rom 5:1.

Memory Verse

Galatians 3:11 "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith".

Covenant; from Latin *convenire*

A usually formal, solemn, and binding agreement: compact

A written agreement or promise usually under seal between two or more parties especially for the performance of some action.

1. **Edenic covenant.**
2. **Noahic covenant.**
3. **Abrahamic covenant.**
4. **Mosaic covenant.**
5. **Priestly covenant.**
6. **Davidic covenant.**
7. **New covenant**

Reflections of Calvary [Sunday]

Why could only Someone equal with God ransom our souls?

The creator died for the creature. Jesus was never created. The lawgiver died for the law breakers.

The Old Testament way of salvation under the Mosaic covenant is no different from the New Testament way of salvation under the new covenant.

"The scenes of Calvary call for the deepest emotion. Upon this subject you will be excusable if you manifest enthusiasm. That Christ, so excellent, so innocent, should suffer such a painful death, bearing the weight of the sins of the world, our thoughts and imaginations can never fully comprehend. The length, the breadth, the height, the depth, of such amazing love we cannot fathom. The contemplation of the matchless depths of a Savior's love should fill the mind, touch and melt the soul, refine and elevate the affections, and completely transform the whole character."— Testimonies, vol. 2, p. 213.

Romans 5:8 (NKJV) *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

The Covenant and the Sacrifice [Monday]

1 Peter 1:18–19 (NKJV) *knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

An ancient practice of an indentured slave's being freed from bondage after a ransom price had been paid. **Book Of Ruth, Redemption**

1 John 5:11–13 (NKJV) *And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.*

- To believe on his name, is to believe on himself - the word "name" often denotes the person and their teachings. – Albert Barnes

The Faith of Abraham: Part 1 [Tuesday]

Genesis 15:6 (NKJV) *And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.*

Romans 4:2–5 (NKJV) *For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."⁴ Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,*

Romans 6:23 (NKJV) *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 4:20–22 (NKJV) *He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.²² And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."*

Galatians 3:6–9 (NKJV) *just as Abraham "believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."⁷ Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham.⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."⁹ So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.*

James 2:21–24 *Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was*

accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

Hebrews 11:17–19 (NKJV) *By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,¹⁸ of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,”¹⁹ concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.*

Genesis 26:4–5 (NKJV) *And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;⁵ because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.”*

The Faith of Abraham: Part 2 [Wednesday]

Looking again at Genesis 15:6, we can see that various translations have rendered the term as “counted” (Hebrew, chashab) or “reckoned” or “credited” (RSV, NIV) or “accounted.”

Genesis 31:15 (NKJV) *Are we not considered strangers by him? For he has sold us, and also completely consumed our money.*

Leviticus 7:18 (NKJV) *And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offering is eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, nor shall it be imputed to him; it shall be an abomination to him who offers it, and the person who eats of it shall bear guilt.*

How do you respond to someone who seeks to be a Christian yet says, “But I don’t feel righteous”?

That’s a question was two edges. They may not feel forgiven because the Holy Spirit is convicting them to make a change in their habits. The devil might be convicting them to not believe.

Resting on the Promises [Thursday]

1 Samuel 1:17–18 (NKJV) *Then Eli answered and said, “Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him.”¹⁸ And she said, “Let your maidservant find favor in your sight.” So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. Her behavior was changed by her faith in Eli’s word.*

If you are walking around sad and dejected because you are deeply in debt and then in the mail you receive \$1 million check from your rich uncle, you start feeling better immediately before you cash the check. Assuming you have faith in your uncle that he is not playing a cruel trick.

Psalm 34:8 (NKJV) *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!*

Matthew 11:29–30 (NKJV) *Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰ For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”*

Romans 5:1 (NKJV) *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

Philippians 2:7–8 (NKJV) *but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

1 Chronicles 22:9–10 (NKJV) *Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.¹⁰ He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.’*

David believe God and started to amass materials for the temple.

“The only way in which he [the sinner] can attain to righteousness is through faith. By faith he can bring to God the merits of Christ, and the Lord places the obedience of His Son to the sinner’s account. Christ’s righteousness is accepted in place of man’s failure, and God receives, pardons, justifies, the repentant, believing soul, treats him as though he were righteous, and loves him as He loves His Son. This is how faith is accounted righteousness; and the pardoned soul goes on from grace to grace, from light to greater light.”—Ellen G. White, Selected Messages, book 1, p. 367.

“When through repentance and faith we accept Christ as our Savior, the Lord pardons our sins, and remits the penalty prescribed for the transgression of the law. The sinner then stands before God as a just person; he is taken into favor with Heaven and through the Spirit has fellowship with the Father and the Son.

“Then there is yet another work to be accomplished, and this is of a progressive nature. The soul is to be sanctified through the truth. And this also is accomplished through faith. For it is only by the grace of Christ, which we receive through faith, that the character can be transformed.”—Ellen G. White, Selected Messages, book 3, p. 191.