

SERMON NOTES

covenant benefits

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“Blessings and benefits come through the covenant we have with God.”

- Covenant means agreement.
- The foundation for your walk with God is your covenant with God.
- Know and understand your covenant with God.
- Know your rights and privileges to live a victorious Christian life.

Ephesians 2:1 – 2,12 (MSG)

¹⁻⁶ *It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on his own, with no help from us! Then he picked us up and set us down in highest heaven in company with Jesus, our Messiah.*

¹² *But don't take any of this for granted. It was only yesterday that you outsiders to God's ways had no idea of any of this, didn't know the first thing about the way God works, hadn't the faintest idea of Christ. You knew nothing of that rich history of God's covenants and promises in Israel, hadn't a clue about what God was doing in the world at large. Now because of Christ—dying that death, shedding that blood—you who were once out of it altogether are in on everything.*

- Before you came to Christ, you let the world tell you how you should live. Do not let the world limit you or constrain you.
- Find out who you are in Christ and stop allowing the world system to tell you how to live and what to believe.
- Finding out your rights and benefits will bring an overcoming life and full of hope.

Through God's Covenant You Will:

1. Be Stronger!
2. Have Greater Hope!
3. Be Free!

Hebrews 13:20 (AMPC)

²⁰ *Now may the God of peace [Who is the Author and the Giver of peace], Who brought again from among the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood [that sealed, ratified] the everlasting agreement (covenant, testament).*

- Peace comes before prosperity.
- Receiving God's covenant brings peace.
- Covenant is our foundation.
- Knowing God's covenant should make you stronger.

Hebrews 9:15 (AMPC)

¹⁵ *[Christ, the Messiah] is therefore the Negotiator and Mediator of an [entirely] new agreement (testament, covenant), so that those who are called and offered it may receive the fulfillment of the promised everlasting inheritance—since a death has taken place which rescues and delivers and redeems them from the transgressions committed under the [old] first agreement.*

- Our inheritance is God's covenant.
- Live your life based on the covenant.
- Let the covenant dictate who you are and how you live.
- Christ came to rescue, deliver and redeem us from all our sins.

Psalm 102:1 – 4 (KJV)

¹ *Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.* ² *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:* ³ *Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;* ⁴ *Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies.*

- God deserves our best!
- Claim, believe, confess and experience God's covenant.
- God restores and forgives us from habits.

Benefits of God's Covenant:

1. Forgiveness
2. Healing
3. Favor
4. Satisfaction
5. Long Life

Discussion Questions:

1. What does covenant mean?
2. What are the benefits of God's covenant?