

PROMISE #4

MY PEOPLE

Hebrews 8:10-12

Titus 2

1 Peter 2:1-10



Eternal Purpose

- **Before time began** God had a purpose for His creation. (Acts 4:27-28)
- **Before time began** God chose! (Ephesians 1:3-4; 2 Thess 2:13-14; 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Peter 2:9; Romans 8:28-30)

Everlasting Covenant

- **Before time began** God, the Father, entered into a covenant with His Son.
- God's will was that Christ, His Son, would die for all that He, the Father, gave Him - no less and no more. (John 10:27-29; 17:2, 6, 8-9, 11, 24; 1 Peter 1:18-20)
- Salvation would come to **ALL** whom Christ died for by the will of God. (John 6:37-40, 44, 65; 17:2-3)
- IF the Son accomplished the Father's will, the Father promised seven blessing on those for whom Christ died.
- The seven "I WILL's of GOD" made to HIS SON!
 - ① **I WILL** put My LAWS in their minds.
 - ② **I WILL** write My LAWS on their hearts.
 - ③ **I WILL** be their GOD.
 - ④ **I WILL** make them My special people.
 - ⑤ **I WILL** cause them to KNOW Me.
 - ⑥ **I WILL** be MERCIFUL to their UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.
 - ⑦ **I WILL** remember their sins and lawless deeds no more.
- Christ came to do the Father's will and accomplished that will. (Hebrews 10:7; John 4:34; 5:30; 17:2-4; 19:30)

God Works ALL Things for His Glory

- **Before time began** God knew all His works. (Acts 15:18; Isaiah 46:9-11)
- God works **EVERYTHING** according to His will/purpose/plan/counsel. (Ephesians 1:11; Proverbs 19:21; 21:30; Daniel 4:35)
 - God worked (is working) **ALL HISTORY** to fulfill His purpose.
- God does ALL THINGS for **HIS NAME SAKE**. (Isaiah 43:25; 48:9-11; Ezekiel 20:9, 14, 22, 44; 36:22; Psalm 106:8; 1 John 2:12)

Established on Better Promises (Hebrews 8:6)

- All of God's covenants are based on PROMISES. (See Jeremiah 33:20; Ephesians 2:12)
- All of God's promises are **YES** in Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:20-22)
- "established" (**PERFECT TENSE**) means "legally established" or "established by law." This **new** and **better** covenant is established by the **authority of GOD.**

BEHOLD! (Hebrews 8:8b)

Foundation of the Covenant (Hebrews 8:12)

- **"I WILL BE MERCIFUL"** (ἰλεωωσ means "propitious")
- **"I WILL REMEMBER THEIR SINS NO MORE"** – THIS IS PARDON OF SINS– NOT JUST SIMPLE FORGIVENESS! (See Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 38:17; 43:25; 44:22; Micah 7:19)

THE PROMISES IN THIS COVENANT ARE NOT BASED ON ANY THING THAT MAN DOES or DOES NOT DO! IT IS WHAT GOD HAS PROMISED DESPITE WHAT HIS PEOPLE DO or DO NOT DO!

First Five Promises of the Covenant (Hebrews 8:10-11)

- ❶ **"I WILL PUT MY LAW IN THEIR MINDS"** God gives us understanding (1 John 5:20). God gives us the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16). God gives us submission to His Law! (Romans 8:7). (See Eph. 4:18; 5:8; 1 Cor. 2:14; Romans 12:2)
- ❷ **"I WILL PUT MY LAW ON THEIR HEARTS"** - God causes us to love His Law and to do those things that please Him. (See 1 John 3:6-10; disciples LOVE God's Law: Psalm 119:47, 48, 97, 113, 119, 127, 159, 163, **165**, 167; disciples DELIGHT in God's Law: Psalm 1:1-3; 112:1; 119:16, 24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 92, 143, 174)
- ❸ **"I WILL BE TO THEM GOD"** Meditate on this! The God of the UNIVERSE is OUR God!
- ❹ **"I WILL MAKE THEM MY PEOPLE!"** We do not choose God; God chooses us! Christ died to make us God's **peculiar** (special) people.
 - ★ What does this mean? (1 Peter 2:9)
 - We are a **CHOSEN** people. (Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thess 2:13)
 - Chosen by God **BEFORE time began.**
 - We are a **LOVED** people. (Jeremiah 31:3; Rom 9:13; **1 John 4:19**)
 - We are a **GIVEN** people.
 - Given to Christ by God. (John 10:27-29; 6:37-40; 17:2, 6, 7-8, 11, 24)

→ We are **born-from-above** people. (1 John 3:1-10; James 1:18; John 3:1-8)

★ We are the children of God. (1 John 3:1; Rom 8:16-17)

★ **REBIRTH IS A SUPERNATURAL ACT OF GOD.**

- ① Solely an act of God alone.
- ② God's will NOT man's will.
- ③ Instantaneous change - from DEATH to LIFE.
- ④ Radical changes - as DEATH to LIFE
- ⑤ A passive change.
- ⑥ Irresistible work.
- ⑦ GIFT of LIFE.

→ We are a **CALLED-OUT** people.

- It is a call **out of darkness, into marvelous and surprising light**. 1 Peter 2:9.

- It is a call **out of bondage, into liberty**. Galatians 5:13

• It is a call out of the bondage of sin (unrighteousness) into the freedom of righteousness. (Romans 6:20)

★ It is a call that frees us from serving Satan (Eph 2:1-3) to serving the living God. (1 Thessalonians 1:9)

- It is a call **out of the fellowship with men of the world, into fellowship (union) with Christ**. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

• It is a call out of the world and into the kingdom of the King!

- It is a call **out of the enmity with God, into peace with God**. (1 Corinthians 7:15; Romans 5:1; Colossians 3:15)

- It is a call **out of unholiness and sinfulness, into a state of holiness and righteousness**. 1 Thess 4:7; 1 Peter 1:15

- It is a call **into the GRACE of Christ**. Galatians 1:6

- It is a call **into SAINTHOOD**. Romans 1:6-7; 1 Cor 1:2

- It is an **IRRESISTIBLE** call. It is a call of GRACE which is the POWER of God.

• What God desires He does and no one can stop Him. (Job 23:13; 9:12; 12:14; Ecc 3:14; 7:13; Lam 3:37)

• **GOD NEVER TRIES TO SAVE ANYONE! HE SAVES!**

• Lazarus in the tomb for four days could not resist the call of Christ. John 11:43.

- It is a **HOLY** calling. 2 Tim 1:9; 1 Thess 4:7; 1 Peter 1:15.

- It is a **HIGH** calling. Philippians 3:14 – He who calls is the HIGH and LOFTY One who dwells in the high and holy place. Isaiah 57:15.

• It takes to the throne of God Himself. Ephesians 2:6.

- It is a **HEAVENLY** calling. Hebrews 3:1. It is a CALL out of the WORLD into a citizenship that is in Heaven. Philip 3:20.

- It is a **IRREVERSIBLE, IRREVOCABLE; UNCHANGING** call. Romans 11:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

- We are, by this call, made a **HOLY** people.
 - ★ It is a **HOLY CALLING** to be a **HOLY NATION** and to live **HOLY**. (2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:7; 1 Peter 1:15-16)
- We are a **PURCHASED** people.
 - ★ By the precious blood of Christ. (Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Hebrews 9:12-14; 1 Peter 1:18-19)
- We are **ROYAL PRIESTHOOD**.
 - ★ In making us His people, God has made us a **KINGDOM of PRIESTS**. (Revelation 1:6; 5:10; 20:6)
 - ★ This comes with privilege **and** responsibility.
- We are **PRAISING** people! (Isaiah 43:21; 1 Peter 2:9)
- We are **WORKING** people. (Titus 2:14; Ephesians 2:10)
- ★ We were **NOT** always God's people – how did we become His people. (1 Peter 2:10; Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:10)
 - Because we were given **MERCY!** (**MEDITATE:** Romans 9:18; 1 Corinthians 4:7)
 - God **CANNOT** bestow **MERCY** freely because He is **HOLY** and **JUST**. — The Law **MUST** be satisfied!
 - This God did by pouring out His wrath on His Son in our place!!!!!!

⑤ **“I WILL CAUSE THEM TO KNOW ME.”** God does **NOT** reveal Himself to all mankind! God chooses whom He will reveal Himself. (Matt 11:25-27)

There Is **NO IF** in the Everlasting Covenant!

- This is a covenant of **PURE GRACE!!!**

LET'S REMEMBER!

