



# “Covenant Relationship”

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## I. **Hebrews 8:1-13**

### A. Covenant of Old and Covenant of New

1. **Covenant (Hebrew/O.T.) – Bereeth: In the sense of cutting; a compact (because it is made by passing between two pieces of flesh).**
2. **Covenant (Greek/N.T.) – Diatheke: A contract, will, or testament.**
3. In the broadest sense, a covenant is a promise, contract, or agreement between 2 parties. Covenant comes from Latin origin meaning “a coming together.” When the Bible mentions covenant, it is referring to a strong, solemn agreement between 2 parties (much different than the kinds of agreements we make nowadays). A covenant of old and a covenant the way God sees it today makes 2 into 1; they are joined together and identified together in everything for life!

### B. Jesus, the Mediator of the New Covenant (Hebrews 8:6)

1. **Mediator – The go-between; intercessor**
2. The Old Covenant was based upon performance; The New Covenant is based upon Grace. The Old Covenant pointed to sin; The New Covenant points us to Love; The Old Covenant was impossible to follow its laws; The New Covenant says “everything with God is easy.” The difference between the two: Relationship (**Hebrews 8:10** “I will be to them a God...”)
3. **II Corinthians 6:18** – Going from “God” to “Father”
4. What is the greatest attribute of a covenant? Answer: Love (**I Samuel 18:3** – David and Johnathan).
  - This is what God did for you and me: His love gave us the right to be sons and daughters/ **Kings Kids!** No longer servants, but joint-heirs to His kingdom. David was a shepherd boy...but when his soul was knit to Johnathan’s, everything Johnathan had (as a son of the king), became his!
  - To understand love, we must understand sacrifice; “For God so LOVED the world, that He gave...” Gave what? His ONLY...His best...He gave it ALL!
  - “My love for you is greater than your mind can ever imagine. There is no greater love than a man laying his life down for his friends; Listen to me and Receive: I call you ‘Friend’. The seal...the confirmation of my love for you is My Son’s Precious Blood. There is nothing that is greater, nothing more powerful....Satan can’t move against it; demons tremble at the mention of it....My Blood, My Blood...It is more than enough!”

## II. Covenant Exchange

### A. *1 Samuel 18:4*

1. **Exchange of Garments** – *Jesus gave us the Robe of Righteousness*
2. **Exchange of Armor** – *“Put on the whole armor of God...”*
3. **Exchange of weapons** – *“For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal...”*
4. **Exchange of names** – *“To him that overcomes, I will give him a new name...”*
5. **Cutting or Seal of Blood** – In ancient times, people would mingle their blood together by the cutting of their flesh; today, Jesus took those wounds for us and gives us life through His body and blood of Communion (Lord’s Supper).

### B. The Marriage Covenant

1. **Ephesians 5:25-32**
2. The marriage covenant is the strongest and most powerful covenant on this earth....and it is a direct reflection of the power between Jesus and His people. (Why is it the most powerful? Not only does the scripture come alive in **Matthew 18:19** *“If any two agree...”*, but when a man and a woman come together (covenant), the Bible says, *“they are one flesh.”* The spiritual characteristic is no different than the Trinity (God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost)! / No wonder Satan is fighting the marriage union so hard; think about this the next time you have an opportunity to be in a quarrel or be in strife between you and your mate.
3. The ring exchange (came from Ancient Egypt and when Egypt was conquered by Alexander the Great, the Greeks adopted the Egyptian custom and began to show the exchange of rings as a sign of love and devotion.)
4. Understanding Covenant Relationship....It’s One-Sided! (There’s nothing you can do to make it equal in parts.....so Just give him your old and receive!).