

Melva's Corner

HALLELUJAH I HAVE BEEN REDEEMED!

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Bible Text: Deut. 28:7 II Cor. 3:5-9 Rom. 12:2

Central Truth: The grace of the new covenant is sufficient for anything.

As we move toward our designated prayer month of July, I would like to refresh your spirit regarding our Covenant Rights. Revelation of the **Blood Covenant** is an essential ingredient in the appropriation of the "Prayer of Commitment."

When Adam committed high treason in the Garden of Eden, he lost the nature of God and turned his authority over to Satan. Through the cross of Calvary, God has paid the price to buy mankind back from Satan's bondage.

The Christian is complete in Christ because of the finished work of Calvary.

God made His covenant with Abraham. That covenant stated, "**The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways**" (Deut. 28:7). Israel remained in bondage to Egypt four hundred years even though they had the covenant right to freedom. Moses was called by God because of the covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God taught Moses how to use that covenant skillfully and the result was Israel's freedom from bondage. As Moses operated his covenant rights, God's power was manifested to bring about deliverance. The important thing to note is that the right to freedom belonged to Israel, they did not enjoy that freedom because they were not proficient in their covenant rights. They did not make spiritual application of their deliverance.

Jesus is our surety, or guarantee, of a better covenant (**Heb. 7:22**). The New Testament is literally God's oath to the born-again believer. It is the covenant of life. In the new covenant a person

becomes a new creation through their union with Christ (**II Cor. 5:17**). This means that the individual receives eternal life (the quality of life God possesses) in their spirit.

As soon as we make Jesus the Lord of our life, eternal life drives the nature of spiritual death out of our inner man.

God has made us able ministers of the new covenant (**II Cor. 3:5-9**). Not only has God given us His Word, but He has given us His Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth. It is through God's ability in us that we can apply the Word in our lives.

Everything that the believer receives from God, he receives by faith in the Word, by acting on his covenant. The new covenant contains God's power for deliverance, healing and freedom.

Being without a covenant is being spiritually bankrupt—without hope and without God in the world (**Eph. 2:12**). To walk in our covenant rights, we must renew our mind to what the Word says we have in Christ (**Rom. 12:2**). As we apply our faith by acting on the Word we are making a demand on the power of God.

The Apostle Paul was a perfect example of a new covenant believer operating his covenant rights. Satan buffeted him at every turn with shipwrecks, stonings, imprisonments and every kind of annoyance. Paul had received the revelation from Jesus of the magnitude of rights in Him. He stood on those rights in the face of Satan and proved the validity of the new covenant every time. Paul said that God's power was manifested to deliver him in every instance. He gloried in Satan's attacks because when he was weak, God's strength was sufficient to put him over. **The grace of the new covenant was sufficient for anything.** Paul learned to be content in whatever state he was in because he had learned the power available to him as a covenant believer.

The New Testament is your blood covenant with God. You are a joint - heir with Jesus Christ. **It cannot fail.** When you uncompromisingly stand on it, it becomes a standard raised against Satan. You are ready for anything through the strength of Christ Who lives within you (**Phil. 4:13**)! Oh yes, you have been redeemed! Hallelujah!

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