

MISSION

"Go Therefore and Make Disciples..."

How does “covenant membership”
bring about obedience in the life of
a christian?

The Biblical Basis For
“Covenant Community” And
“Covenant Membership”

The Biblical Basis For “Community”

ACTS 2:42-44



The Word “Community”

κοινός
“koinos”

κοινωνία
“koinonia”

The Biblical Basis For “Covenant Community”

The Word “Church”

ἐκκλησία
“ekklesia”

קָהָל
“qahal”

The covenant community of God's people...

1) to which I belong and to whom I submit.

2) in which the relationships of leaders, others, and myself are in co-equal submission under Jesus.

3) with whom I am agreeing to pursue the purposeful process of sanctification.

JEREMIAH 31:31-34



And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Luke 22:20

And as for all who walk by this rule,
peace and mercy be upon them, and
upon the Israel of God.

Galatians 6:16

The Biblical Basis For
“Covenant Membership” within
The “Covenant Community”

In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church." - Ephesians 5:28-32

For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

Matthew 22:30

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For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Romans 12:4-5

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The Application Within Mission of Covenant Community

2 CORINTHIANS 3:1-6



Covenant vs. Law: Purpose

Law or contract: to work within a social order to serve as an instrument of maintaining freedom and security (order).

Covenant: to create a community where none existed before by establishing a common relationship to a common lord.

Covenant vs. Law: Basis

Law or contract: stems from social fear and attempts to protect the society from disruption by attack or rebellion.

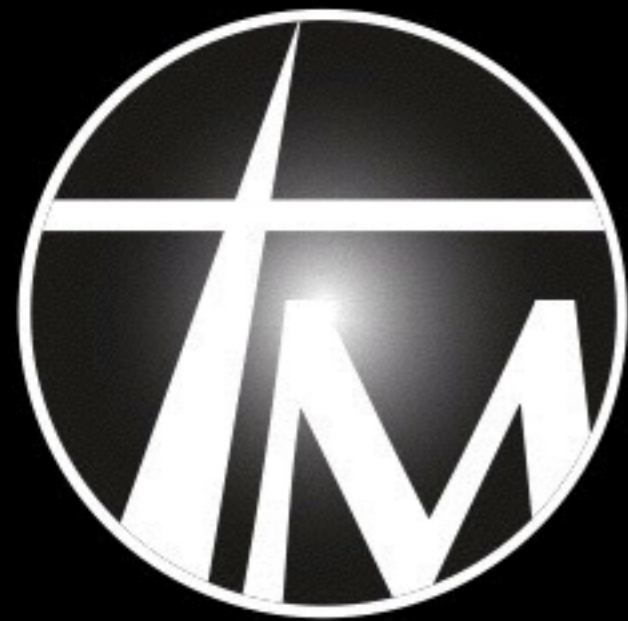
Covenant: gratitude by way of a response to the grace has already been received from the common lord.

Covenant vs. Law: Enactment

Law or contract: by competent social authority outside the parties involved (ex:courts). It is binding upon each individual party by virtue of their status in the society.

Covenant: self-binding through voluntary action in which each party covenanting willingly accepts the obligations presented.

Jesus Ruled, Elder Led,
And Congregationally Responsible



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