

Ephesians 1: 15-23 & 3: 14-21

Read these two truly amazing prayers that Paul writes to describe his desire for the relationship between the Ephesians Christians and God.

Read them again, and again.

What does God want to say to you about your relationship with him and the blessings of his covenant with you? Look back at Exodus 19: 30-34 above, how did this event change what God said previously - See especially v28-29?

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The New Covenant

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Key Passages:

Genesis 12: 1-3

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Luke 22: 14-20

Romans 8: 15-17

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Read The Story

Promise to Abram Genesis 12
Jeremiah's Prophecy Jeremiah 31
New Covenant Luke 22: 14-20

Going Deeper

Prophecies of the New Covenant

Read Jeremiah 31: 31-34 and
Ezekiel 36: 22-26
How do these prophecies of the New
Covenant differ from God's covenant with
Abram and the renewal of that covenant
through Moses?
Are these admissions of failure of the Old
Covenant or preparations for something
better to come?
What do you think God means by the
promise to give a new heart and to
exchange a heart of stone for a heart of
flesh?

The New Covenant Inaugurated Luke 22: 14-20 & 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

What similarities and/or differences are
there that you can see between the New
Covenant meal and the Old Covenant meal
(The Passover in Exodus 12)?
What does it mean to you that Communion
today is a reflection of the Passover meal?
Think of how we celebrate communion
today. How is that similar or different from
how Jesus inaugurated it? Can you think of
reasons why it has changed? Should it
have changed?

The Responsibilities of the Covenant The three Love Commands Mark 12: 28-31 & John 15:12

What are the three great love commands
from Jesus?
How do these relate to our church vision?
We have started using the terms Up, In
and Out for these three commands and
how they relate to the balance of our lives.
How is your life in relation to these three
areas?

The Benefits of the Covenant

Exodus 19: 6 & Revelation 1: 5b-6

What does it mean to be a 'Kingdom of
Priests'?
Why was this not fulfilled under the Old
Covenant, what changed so that it is fulfilled
under the New Covenant?

Romans 8: 15-17

Romans 8: 15 means that we are adopted as
sons/daughters by God. What does this mean
to you?
'Abba' was one of the most personal ways of
describing the relationship with a father and
son/daughter. What relationship with God the
Father is implied in calling him 'abba'?
What does it mean for you to be an heir of
God and a co-heir with Christ?