

Covenant

Contract Culture / Covenant God
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(Luke 22:20) In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."

Contract	Covenant
Expires	Permanent
Partial Obligation	Complete Obligation
Mutual Distrust	Mutual Trust
Me In Mind	Others In Mind

Covenant Benefits

(Hebrews 6:9-12 NLT) We are confident that you are meant for better things, things that come with salvation. For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do. Our great desire is that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true. Then you will not become spiritually dull and indifferent. Instead, you will follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance.

✓ Our past has been forgiven.

(1 John 1:9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

(Isaiah 43:25) "I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

✓ Our present is given meaning.

(Colossians 1:16 MSG) For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible...everything got started in him and finds its purpose in Him.

(Proverbs 19:21) Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.

✓ Our future is perfection.

(Philippians 3:20-21) But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own...

(Revelation 21:2-3) I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."

Covenant Requirements

(Acts 16:30-31 NKJV) And brought them out, and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved, and your house."

(James 2:19-20 NLT) You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

1. Surrender your life.

(Matthew 16:24 NLT) Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me."

2. Trust God in every situation.

(Galatians 2:20) My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

3. Be obedient.

(Luke 6:46) "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"
(John 14:15 ESV) "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

I can't meet the covenant requirements unless I'm in love.

(1 Corinthians 13:13) And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.