

## Twelve Covenant Blessings of God

### 1. God forgives all our sins

Matt 26:28 *“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”*

Acts 13:38 *“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. 39 Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.”*

Our sins are not merely covered by the blood of bulls and goats, they are paid for and taken away by the Lamb of God

Jn 1:29 *“The next day John saw Jesus coming towards him and said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’”*

At the cross, justice was satisfied. His forgiveness is perfectly complete.

### 2. God remembers our sins no more

Heb 8:12 *“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”*

Heb 10:17 *“Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.”*

Jer 31:34 *“No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. ‘For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.’”*

In terms of justification it's as if we never did them.

### 3. God promises never to be angry with us again

Is 54:7-10 *‘For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back.*

*8 In a surge of anger*

*I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness*

*I will have compassion on you,’ says the LORD your Redeemer.*

*9 ‘To me this is like the days of Noah,*

*when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth.*

*So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again.*

*10 Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed,*

*yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed,’*

*says the LORD, who has compassion on you.*

Unlike the obsolete covenant of law, the new covenant is an everlasting covenant of love and peace. God will never stop doing good to us.

Jer 32:40 *“I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will inspire them to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me.”*

### 4. God qualifies us

Col 1:12 *"...and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you<sup>[1]</sup> to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light."*

It's no longer a case of what we do (under the law covenant) or who we're related to (under the Abrahamic covenant). It's who we trust.

## **5. Jesus takes hold of us and never lets go**

Phil 3:12 *"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me"*

Jude 24 *"To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy."*

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Romans 8:39 *"neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Consequently, we can speak of our hope as a "firm and secure" anchor for the soul.

Heb 6:19 *"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,"*

## **6. God credits us with the perfect righteousness of Jesus**

2 Cor 5:21 *"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."*

Righteousness is not earned, it is received

Romans 5:17 *"For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!"*

Because of Jesus' sacrifice our status before God is "perfect forever"

Heb 10:14 *"For by one sacrifice he has made perfect for ever those who are being made holy."*

## **7. God gives us the Holy Spirit**

To teach us

John 14:26 *"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."*

Empower us

Acts 1:8 *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

And remind us of our righteousness

John 16:10 *"about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer,"*

We no longer need priests to mediate for us, for now we can all know the Lord

Jer 31:34 *"No longer will they teach their neighbour, or say to one another, "Know the LORD," because they will all know me, from the least of them to the*

*greatest,' declares the LORD.  
'For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins  
no more.'*

We are His royal priests

*1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a  
holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the  
praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful  
light."*

## **8. God is for us**

*Romans 8:31 "What, then, shall we say in response to these  
things? If God is for us, who can be against us?"*

God justifies us and there is no more condemnation

*Romans 8:1 "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those  
who are in Christ Jesus,"*

When we sin, Jesus doesn't judge us, He defends us

*1 John 2:1 "My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not  
sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the  
Father – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."*

His grace enables us to overcome sin

*Titus 2:12 "It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly  
passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this  
present age,"*

He abundantly supplies all our needs

*Phil 4:19 "And my God will meet all your needs according to the  
riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." that we might enjoy life to the  
full*

*John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I  
have come that they may have life and have it to the full."*

God's favour is unearned and unmerited.

## **9. God is with us**

*Ezekiel 37:27 "My dwelling-place will be with them; I will be their  
God, and they will be my people."*

Because of Jesus the door to the throne room is always open

*Heb 4:16 "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with  
confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help  
us in our time of need."*

We can approach Him with freedom and confidence

*Eph 3:12 "In him and through faith in him we may approach God  
with freedom and confidence."*

## **10. God empowers us to overcome the enemy**

*1 John 5:4 "for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This  
is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith."*

We have His delegated authority over demons and disease

*Mark 16:17 "And these signs will accompany those who believe:  
in my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new  
tongues;"*

We live under His divine protection

Luke 10:19 *"I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you."*

We are destined to "reign in life" Romans 5:17 *"For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!"*

## **11. God offers us His rest**

Heb 4:10-11 *"for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works,<sup>[e]</sup> just as God did from his. 11 Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience."*

Under the old covenant it was do, do, do. Under the new covenant it's done, done, done

John 19:30 *"When he had received the drink, Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."*

We are seated with Christ in heavenly places

Eph 2:6 *"And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,"*

## **12. God gives us eternal life**

Romans 6:23 *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in<sup>[b]</sup> Christ Jesus our Lord"*

What must we do to inherit these promises?

Trust in Jesus. Bet your life on Him. Take the crown off your head and lay it at His feet.

Choose to believe what the Bible says about Him, that He died for the sins of the world – including yours – and rose victorious from the dead.

Let others know that He is your Redeemer and King.

Ask Him to fill you with His Spirit that you might know Him more.