

God's Contract with Mankind

Prologue

My beloved, out of My own counsel I chose to create you in My image¹, giving you an immortal soul, a reasoning mind, a loving heart, a moral conscience, an awareness of yourself and Me, and the freedom to make choices. I gave you one prohibition for your own protection, but you believed the lies about Me spoken by the deceiver and followed his path of pride, selfishness and rebellion². The devil promised you would become like God; instead you became like him—guilty, corrupt and condemned. According to My righteous judgment, I passed sentence on you, banishing you from My presence, which is spiritual death. Yet according to My love, I clothed and protected you in your wandering. I had made you for Myself and so you owed Me your worship, obedience and love³. Your sin, however, only increased. My heart was broken over you, but sentiment cannot deny justice and so I flooded the entire earth in righteous judgment against your wickedness⁴. Yet in My grace, I provided one way of escape from that judgment and one family who did not despise Me took that gift by faith and were rescued in the ark. But even this did not stop your wandering heart. Because of your rebellion, I scattered you across the face of the earth and chose one nation to represent Me to your race⁵. I gave them My Law and My Presence, but even they rebelled against Me time and again⁶, and the other nations attacked and oppressed them. Your entire race forsook and forgot the knowledge of Me and My ways⁷. And so I did what only My tender mercy and grace could compel Me to do. I sent My Son to earth to reveal Myself to you again⁸. And you killed Him. But in My wisdom, His death paid the guilty verdict of your sin and my power defeated death and raised Him to life! At the cross my love and justice were equally satisfied and so I have provided the only solution to your just condemnation, and this at unfathomable cost to Myself⁹. And so your debt has been paid, your freedom has been purchased, your death sentence has now been served by the Righteous One. Therefore, here is My contract to you:

I will:

- ✓ reckon Jesus Christ's sacrificial death as just payment for the wages of your sin¹⁰,
- ✓ forgive your debt of transgression, idolatry and self-love¹¹,
- ✓ with Christ's blood, purchase you so you will belong to Me forever¹²,
- ✓ unite you with Jesus Christ, so his assets become yours and your debts become his, and his mission to the human race becomes your own¹³,
- ✓ adopt you as My own son or daughter, being fully reconciled to Me¹⁴,
- ✓ grant you My promised inheritance of eternal life with Me¹⁵,

- ✓ fill you with My Holy Spirit as a guarantee of that promise and to change your nature to My own¹⁶,
- ✓ be faithful to transform you from your fallen, corrupt condition to your redeemed and eventual glorified state, being the very image of My Son¹⁷,
- ✓ be with you forever, give you My Word to teach you, answer your prayers to help you, give you My Church in which to belong¹⁸,
- ✓ and will deliver you from My just wrath on the coming Day of Judgment¹⁹.

I have already signed this contract in my Son's blood, and I offer it openly to every human being on earth²⁰. In order for this contract to apply to your life, you must sign it.

You must:

- repent by confessing your sinful condition and turning your life's allegiance over to Me²¹,
- believe that what My Son did for you on the cross and my promise verified by his resurrection is alone sufficient to give you eternal life²².

✝ *God the Father*

(your name)

¹ Genesis 1:26-31

² Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-24

³ 2Corinthians 5:5, Colossians 1:15-17

⁴ Genesis 6:5-8

⁵ Genesis 11:1-9; 12:1-3

⁶ Exodus 33:12 – 34:14

⁷ Romans 1:18-32

⁸ John 1:17-18

⁹ Colossians 1:19-20; Romans 3:21-26; 4:25

¹⁰ Romans 6:23

¹¹ Ephesians 1:7

¹² Hebrews 9:12,15; Colossians 1:14

¹³ Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:1-11; Colossians 3:1; Romans 8:17; John 17:14-19

¹⁴ Romans 5:9-11; Romans 8:14-17; Galatians 4:4-7

¹⁵ John 6:40; Hebrews 9:15; Titus 1:2

¹⁶ 1Corinthians 1:21-22; Ephesians 1:13-14; Romans 8:1-9

¹⁷ 2Corinthians 3:17-18

¹⁸ John 14:16-17; Hebrews 13:5; 2Timothy 3:15-17; 1John 5:14-15; Ephesians 2:19-22; 1Peter 2:9-10

¹⁹ 1Thessalonians 1:10; 2Peter 3:7-13

²⁰ John 3:16; Matthew 28:18-20

²¹ Acts 3:19; 17:30-31; 20:21; 26:17-18

²² John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 10:9-13