

# WORD OF THE DAY



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*"For this is my blood of the new testament,  
which is shed for many for the remission of sins.."*

### A New Covenant



**Do you promise?** In life it is good to have assurance and feel confident that certain things are guaranteed. For those of us who are very responsible, there may be some level of security knowing that the responsibilities which depend on our actions alone will be taken care of; but what about when our sense of assurance rests upon what is required of another? As little children, we ask our friends to pinky promise, and as adults, we often ask to have something put in writing. In society we are very well aware of the untrustworthiness of men and women, and as a result, governments have established courts and other judicial assemblies which can be petitioned to ensure that individuals honor contracts which they have entered into. As people we want a promise; a promise that cannot be broken.

**A broken promise.** Unfortunately we have too many examples of broken promises which makes it very hard for us to understand the concept of a Biblical covenant. The promise and contract of marriage cannot be trusted anymore as over half of marriages now end in divorce. Legal contracts are also often broken and even with a court to demand payments of the offending party, limited remedy is provided when the one who breaks the contract is financially unable to pay. Nations sign treaties and enter into international agreements, only for our world to see them reverse course and dishonor what they said they would do. As a result, it is very hard for us to take any promise or contract seriously without seeking a fool-proof way of guaranteeing that it will not be broken.

**A covenant signed in blood.** While men and women may dishonor their contracts and promises, we can rest assured that God is not a human that God should lie. We are told in the Bible that the first or Old covenant was given to Moses and this was the law. When Jesus came, it was time to establish a New covenant, one written in blood - the blood of Jesus. The Old covenant's function was to make us aware of our sins(through the law); and the New covenant's purpose is to provide a way for the forgiveness of these sins through faith in Jesus. The New covenant is not a replacement of the Old covenant whereby God made a mistake and is fixing it with another contract. The New covenant does not replace but fulfills the Old covenant. Jesus said, *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets[i.e. Moses]; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."* When Jesus came, He entered into the Old covenant, and completed(fulfilled) it for us by keeping the law perfectly and buying for us the forgiveness of our sins with His blood.

-Your brother in Christ, WNL

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### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you believe in Jesus, you have assurance that your sins are forgiven.

### PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for this blessed assurance that a sinner such as I can be forgiven through putting my trust in your son Jesus. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.



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