

“We Are His Covenant Family”
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Psalm 25:14- “The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them.”

- **“Confides”**- to share Himself with us (more than just information); to make Himself vulnerable
- **“Covenant”**- to join together in the closest of relationships (i.e., family)
- **“Known” (yada)**- to experience through exchange (i.e., *God gives Himself to us—we give ourselves to Him*)

Jesus spoke of a better covenant than David experienced—when He said, “This is the new covenant in My blood.” (Luke 22:20)

In NT times, there were **2 levels of covenant**:

- **BUSINESS**—a 50/50 partnership; equal risks; equal contributions
- **FAMILY**—in which a stronger, wealthier partner makes covenant with a weaker, needier partner—virtually making them part of the “family.”
Becoming a **“joint-heir” in the family. This is the word Jesus used.**

CORE- The depth of our “family” relationship with Father can be seen in the **4 steps of covenant making.** (i.e., David & Jonathan in 1 Samuel 18:1-4)

1. EXCHANGE OF COATS (1 Samuel 18:3,4)

- **COAT** was sign of family name/identity (i.e., *like a team jersey*)
- Exchange of coats symbolized a **NEW IDENTITY**—you are “one of US”
- **Isaiah 61:10**- We exchange “rags” for “robe of righteousness” (one with)
 - **Romans 5:17**- This “gift of righteousness” empowers us to “reign in life”
 - **Galatians 3:27-29**- “Clothed with Christ”—ALL “one in Him”

2. EXCHANGE OF WEAPONS (1 Samuel 18:4)

- **“There’s nothing between us!”**
 - **“For he himself is our peace, who has ... destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.” (Ephesians 2:14)**
 - Now we can “approach the throne of God with confidence” (Hebrews 4:16)
- **“Your enemies are now My enemies!”**
 - **“What you have done (not done) to the least of these—you have done (not done) to Me.” (Matthew 25:40,45)**
 - **“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” (Acts 9:4)**
 - **“I will contend with those who contend with you!” (Isaiah 49:25)**

- **“My weapons are now your weapons!”**
 - *“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.” (2 Corinthians 10:4)*

3. CUTTING WRISTS & MINGLING BLOOD

- **NOTE: The word “covenant” means to “cut” and “join”**
- **Leviticus 17:11- *“The LIFE is in the blood”***
- **When Jesus said, *“Drink this cup,”* He was offering: **“Receive My life.”****
- **NOTE: Also infers an infant nursing for 1st time; benefits of colostrum**

4. MAKING A SCAR (OR SEAL)

- **On the “right arm”—constant reminder that He will:**
 - **Uphold us (Isaiah 41:10- *“I will uphold you with My right hand.”*)**
 - **Save us (Psalm 17:7)**
 - **Do amazing things (Psalm 98:1)**
- **Jesus carries scars in His body—permanent signs of family belonging**
- **We carry scars/marks also:**
 - **The Holy Spirit in us—is His “seal of ownership on us” (2 Corinthians 1:22)—you are known and feared in the spirit realm. (Ephesians 1:13 says the same).**

DECLARATION:

Deuteronomy 7:9 Amplified Bible (AMP)

“Therefore know [without any doubt] and understand that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who is keeping His covenant and His [steadfast] lovingkindness to a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments”