

COVENANT: Unpacking A Biblical Motif
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LIVING THE NEW COVENANT LIFE

1. The Biblical Story

- Creation
- Fall
- Incarnation
- Redemption
- Resurrection

2. Where do we connect to this story? The resurrection of Jesus Christ and our Baptism. **Say what???** **Read Romans 6:1-7**

- (Luther – Small Catechism) **WHAT GIFTS or BENEFITS DOES BAPTISM GRANT?** It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems for death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it, as the words and promise of God declare.
- (Luther – Small Catechism) **WHAT ARE THESE WORDS AND PROMISES OF GOD?** Our Lord Christ says in Mark 16, “The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned.”
- (Luther – Small Catechism) **WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH A BAPTISM WITH WATER?** It signifies that the old person in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and through repentance, and, on the other hand, that a new person is to come forth daily and rise up to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.
- (Luther – Small Catechism) **WHERE IS THIS WRITTEN?** St. Paul says in Romans 6, “We have been buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.”

- Titus 3:1-8

3. Having been redeemed, how should we then live?

- John 13:34 – John's Last Supper account includes “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” This may be taken as showing an association of “new covenant” with “new commandment”, just as the old covenant had its stipulations, the commandments.
- “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10:27).

4. How do we connect the question, “how shall we then live?” with the answer “to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, dedicated to God and pleasing to him...” (Romans 12:1-2)

- Micah 6:8
- Galatians 5:16-25
- Colossians 3:1-5, 12-17
- Ephesians 2:8-10
- Hebrews 13:1-3; 20-21