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Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love, with which He loved us,

Deut 7:6-7 "For you [are] a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has **chosen** you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any other people, for you were the least of all peoples;

Jere 31:3 The Lord has appeared of old to me, [saying]: "Yes, I have loved you with an **everlasting** love; Therefore with loving kindness I have drawn you.

Cut from – received from the other

A brit involves blood, and lots of it.

A brit is more than just two sides coming together in friendship, it is two who **cut something from themselves**, and then **fill the deficiency** through the other - **by joining and becoming one body**.

The Brit includes blood. Blood indicates the action of severing and detracting from oneself – which forms the basis of the shared bond of those making the covenant.

Jer 34: 18 `And I will give the men who have transgressed My covenant, who have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before Me, when **they cut the calf in two and passed between the parts of it--** 19 `the princes of Judah, the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf-- 20 `I will give them into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life.

Heb 9: 16 For where there [is] a testament, there must also of **necessity be the death of the testator**. 17 For a testament [is] in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. 18 Therefore not even the first [covenant] was dedicated without blood

God's Covenant with Abraham – He will do it!

Gen 15: 7 Then He said to him, "I [am] the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it." 8 And he said, "Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"

9 So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 **Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two...** 17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. 18 On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates--

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Not just with people here (PEOPLE)

Deut 29: 10 " All of you stand today before the Lord your God: your leaders and your tribes and your elders and your officers, all the men of Israel, 11 "your little ones and your wives--also the stranger who [is] in your camp, from the one who cuts your wood to the one who draws your water-- 12 "**that you may enter into covenant with the Lord your God**, and into His oath, which the Lord your God makes with you today, 13 "that He may establish you today as a people for Himself, and [that] He may be God to you, just as He has spoken to you, and just as He has sworn to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 14 "**I make this covenant and this oath**, not with you alone, 15 "but with [him] who stands here with us today before the Lord our God, **as well as with [him] who [is] not here with us today**

People promise to keep the covenant (God with us)

Exodus 24: 3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord and all the judgments. And **all the people answered with one voice** and said, "**All the words which the Lord has said we will do.**" 4 And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the Lord. 6 And **Moses took half the blood and put [it] in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.** 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And **they said, "All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient."** 8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled [it] on the people, and said, "**This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words.**"

THEN.....

I will meet with you

Exodus 24: 21 "You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the Testimony that I will give you. 22 "**And there I will meet with you, and I will speak with you** from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which [are] on the ark of the Testimony, about everything which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel."

.....commands to make the tabernacle....

Exodus 29: 43 "And there **I will meet with the children of Israel**, and [the] [tabernacle] shall be sanctified by My glory. 44 "So I will consecrate the tabernacle of meeting and the altar. I will also consecrate both Aaron and his sons to minister to Me as priests. 45 "**I will dwell among the children of Israel and will be their God.** 46 "And **they shall know that I [am] the Lord their God**, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt, **that I may dwell among them. I [am] the Lord their God.**

5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Roma 5:8 But God demonstrates His **own** love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us.**

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6 and raised [us] up together, and made [us] sit together in the heavenly [places] in Christ Jesus,

Heb 13: 20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord **Jesus** from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, **through the blood of the everlasting covenant**, 21 make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom [be] glory forever and ever. Amen.

7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in [His] kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

My people, My Son, I will dwell

Rev 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, **New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God**, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "**Behold, the tabernacle of God [is] with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them [and] [be] their God.**" 4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "**Behold, I make all things new.**" And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." 6 And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 7 "**He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.**

Marriage

Gene 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become **one flesh**.

Mala 2:14 Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the Lord has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion and **your wife by covenant**. 15 But did He not make [them] one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. 16 "For the Lord God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence, Says the Lord of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously."

New Creation

2Cor 5: 17 Therefore, if anyone [is] in Christ, [he] [is] a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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Buried risen and dead to sin

Rom 6: **4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death**, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, **even so we also should walk in newness of life.** **5** For if we have been **united together** in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be **[in] [the] [likeness] of [His] resurrection,** **6** knowing this, that our old man was crucified with [Him], that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should **no longer be slaves of sin.** **7** For he who has died has **been freed from sin.** **8** Now if **we died with Christ,** we believe that we shall **also live with Him,** **9** knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. **10** For [the] [death] that He died, He died to sin once for all; but [the] [life] that He lives, He lives to God. **11** Likewise you also, **reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.** **12** Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. **13** And do not present your members [as] instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but **present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members [as] instruments of righteousness** to God. **14** For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Holy Temple

Eph 2:19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, **20** having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner[stone], **21** in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a **holy temple** in the Lord, **22** in whom you also are being built together for a **dwelling place of God** in the Spirit.

One Spirit

1 Cor 6: **17** But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit [with] [Him].

United ONE

Eph 4:1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, **2** with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, **3** endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4** [There] [is] **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as you were called in **one** hope of your calling; **5** **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism; **6** **one** God and Father of all, who [is] **above all, and through all, and in you all.**

Baptised One Body in One Spirit

1 Cor 12: **13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. **14** For in fact the body is not one member but many.

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