

Sermon Notes...

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TITLE: "COVENANTS WITH GOD & WITH MEN"

TEXT: HEBREWS 13:20-21

INTRODUCTION: *WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CHURCH?*

A. COVENANTS DEFINED

1. GENERALLY: *AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO PARTIES*
2. DIVINE: *...SOVEREIGNLY ADMINISTERED, SEALED IN BLOOD*
3. CHURCH: *PLEDGE MADE ONE TO ANOTHER, BEFORE GOD, TO LIVE IN ACCORD WITH THE COMMANDS OF THE SCRIPTURES*

B. GOD'S COVENANT WITH BELIEVERS

1. THE OLD COVENANT (*ADAM, NOAH, ABRAHAM, MOSES, DAVID*)
2. THE NEW COVENANT IN CHRIST
3. THE NEW COVENANT CREATED THE CHURCH

C. OUR COVENANT WITH ONE ANOTHER

1. IS DEFINED BY THE BIBLE
2. IS DEMANDED NOT BY OTHERS, BUT BY OUR LORD
3. LEADS TO DELIBERATE CHRISTIAN LIVING

D. PRACTICAL COVENANT ISSUES

1. 'COUNTER-CULTURAL' (NO MORE 'GO WITH FLOW')
2. COMMUNITY-ORIENTED (NO MORE "ON MY OWN")
3. COSTLY (NO MORE 'CHEAP' RELIGION)
4. CONTINUOUS (NO MORE 'FITS & STARTS')

Amen

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