

**INTRODUCTION**

**A. TERROR ON EVERY SIDE** (Ps.31:13,2(1f,14f); see Dt.32:4f(Ps.18:2f; 62:2f); Mt.8:24f)

**B. WHAT IS “UNCONDITIONAL LOVE”?**

**I. GOD’S LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL FOR SALVATION**

**A. FIRST LOVE** (1Jn.4:19; Dt.7:7,8; see Jn.14:21,23)

**B. ETERNAL LOVE** (Eph.1:4f; 2:4f; see Jn.17:24; 1Pt.1:20; see Rom.8:37f; 9:11)

**C. COVENANT LOVE** (Dt.7:7,8; 1Sam.18:3; Ezk.16:8; see Gen.2:23; Ex.6:4f,7; Dt.29:12,13; Jer.31:31f,33=Heb.8:10; see 1Cor.11:25; Heb.8:8,etc.; see Acts 9:1f)

**D. MEDIATED LOVE** (Dt.4:37; 7:8f; Eph.1:4 (Heb.2:13); see Gal.3:29; see also Dt.29:10f; Rom.11:16f)

**E. SUMMARY: GOD’S LOVE & COVENANT ARE UNCONDITIONAL**

**F. APPLICATION: OUR LOVE & COVENANT SHOULD BE UNCONDITIONAL** (Eph.5:23ff)

**II. GOD’S BLESSINGS, CURSINGS & RESTORATIONS ARE CONDITIONAL**

**A. MOSES’ SERMON ON THE MOUNT** (Ex6:4f,7; 20:1f,12(Eph6:2) /Dt11:29; 27:12; Josh8:33 /Judg9:7; Jn4:20f)

1. *conditional blessings & cursings in Leviticus* (26:3,4f & 14f,16f, 21f, 23f,27f)

2. *conditional blessings & cursings in Deuteronomy* (11:26f,29; 27:12f)

a. *blessings* (28:1-14)

b. *cursings* (27:15-26; 28:15-68(58,59); see Ex.20:2f; see Mal.2:2; Eccl.6:2)

5. *restoration conditioned upon repentance* (Dt.30:1-3f,19 /Lev.26:40f&42f; 23f; see v44; Ps.51:11; Is.54:8; see Zech.8:13 w/Eph.2:5f,10)

**B. JESUS’ SERMON ON THE MOUNT** (Lk.6:12f,20f; see Mt.5:1f, 21f)

1. *blessing conditioned upon obedience* (Lk.6:20-23; see Eph.6:2)

2. *cursing conditioned upon disobedience* (Lk.6:24-26 /Lk.17:3a; Mt.18:15f; 1Cor.5:5 /Heb.12:5f)

3. *restoration conditioned upon repentance* (Lk.17:3b; Mt.18:15b; 2Cor.2:6f)

**C. PROOFS OF COVENANT FAITHFULNESS** (Ps.136:1ff; see 1Chr16:41; Ps100:5; 103:17; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1)

1. *Adam & Eve* (Gen.1:26f; 2:9,15f; 3:1f; see Acts 17:30; Mt.3:2; 4:17; 10:7 /Rom.5:12f; 1Cor.15:20f,45)

2. *Judges* (Jdgs.2:10-18; e.g., 3:5-9)

3. *David* (2Sam.7:15,8f; 12:7-15; see Ps.51:1f; 89:1f,30f)

4. *Peter* (Mt.16:17/23; Lk.24:34,54f & Jn.21:15f)

5. *the normal Christian life!* (Mt.5:1f; Lk.6:20f; Eph.6:2; Rom.7:14f; Heb.12:5f,11; Lk.17:3; 15:17f)

**D. SUMMARY**

1. *the joys & sorrows of the covenant are conditional* (see all above; Lev.26; Dt.27,28; Lk.6)

2. *even the sorrows of the covenant are gracious* (Lev.26:23f,27f; 1Cor.5:5; Heb.12:5f)

**E. APPLICATION: OUR BLESSING & CURSING SHOULD BE CONDITIONAL** (Mt18:15f; Heb12:5f)

**III. USEFUL LESSONS FOR YOUR FAITH & LIFE!**

**A. BE COMFORTED BY UNCONDITIONAL LOVE!** (Dt7:7f; Eph1:3f;2:4f; Phil.1:6; Heb12:5; 1Jn4:19; Ro8:35f)

**B. KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES IN HIS LOVE FOR YOU...** (Dt.30:1f; Lk.6:20-26; see Heb.6:10f; see Gen.3:1f)

**C. ... AND YOUR CHILDREN WITH YOU** (Dt.29:10f; Rom.11:16f /*baptism*; Col.2:11,12; yet 1Jn.2:19; Rom.9-11)

**D. CAREFULLY DISTINGUISH UNCONDITIONAL FROM CONDITIONAL IN ALL YOUR RELATIONSHIPS** (Dt.27:12f, etc.; see Eph.5:23ff; 6:4; Heb.12:5f; Amos 3:2)

**E. PRAISE GOD FOR HIS ETERNAL LOVE IN COVENANT FAITHFULNESS!** (Ps.136:1ff; see 1Chr.16:41; Ps.100:5; 103:17; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1; see Phil.1:6)