

SPIRITUAL GROWTH SERIES
VOLUME 1: The Covenant Making God
Message 3: Why the Covenant?
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○ **FOUNDATION:**

- Ephesians 2:10-12
 - (Ephesians 2:12) [*Amplified Classic Version*] [Remember] that you were at that time separated (living apart) from Christ [excluded from all part in Him], utterly estranged and outlawed from the rights of Israel as a nation, and strangers with no share in the sacred compacts of the [Messianic] promise [with no knowledge of or right in God's agreements, His covenants]. And you had no hope (no promise); you were in the world without God.
- Ephesians 3:14-21

I. Hesed—Agape (God's Love) Goes Beyond Man's Intellect

- a. Ephesians 3:19 — there had to be a way to reveal God's True Love to Man
 - i. Studying the Blood Covenant will help us grasp a greater understanding of God's everlasting Love – *Hesed* in the Hebrew; *Agape* in the Greek
 - ii. Apart from the Blood Covenant there is no way to comprehend God's absolute loyalty to His Word
 - iii. Communicating the depth of God's Love and loyalty in a way Man's finite mind could grasp was a difficult process, so God chose Covenant as a physical means to convey the intense commitment
- b. God's Love & Covenant is too Rich for Man's Intellectual Mind
 - i. Ephesians 3:16
 - ii. John 16:13 – The Holy Spirit is our Teacher & Guide
 - 1. The Holy Spirit brings to us Revelation Knowledge
- c. For Jesus to abide in Fullness, we must be rooted & grounded in *Hesed-Agape* (God's Love)
 - i. Ephesians 3:17 — Faith has to be rooted & grounded in God's Love [Galatians 5:6]
 - ii. John 14:23
 - iii. John 15:7

II. God's Response to Adam's Treason is a Perfect Example of His Intense Hese-d-Agape (Love), and Loyalty Toward Mankind

- a. When Adam sinned against God, Adam joined himself to Satan
 - i. John 8:34
 - ii. Romans 6:16
 - iii. Adam lost his ability to comprehend and fellowship with God (fear became alive in Adam)
- b. Adam bowed his knee to a fallen angel
 - i. Isaiah 14:12
 - ii. Luke 10:28
- c. Adam yielded his God given Authority to Satan & became connected to Satan
 - i. Luke 4:16
 - ii. John 8:34
 - iii. Romans 6:16
 - iv. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 — How did Satan become the god of this World? – Through Adam when he relinquished his authority to Satan

III. The Plan of Redemption was Put into Motion

- a. 1 Peter 1:19-20
- b. Revelation 13:8
- c. The Son of God became the Sacrificial Lamb – the Eternal Sacrifice for Man's sins
 - i. John 1:29
 - ii. Revelation 13:8
 - iii. Colossians 1:13