

**March 16, 2020**

**Hebrews 10:16-25** This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; <sup>17</sup>And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. <sup>18</sup>Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. <sup>19</sup>Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; <sup>21</sup>And having an high priest over the house of God; <sup>22</sup>Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) <sup>24</sup>And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: <sup>25</sup>Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

In this passage, God talks of a new covenant with His people. God knew the weakness of our inability to keep the law, to do good, and so he covenanted to put His law within our minds-and write them on our hearts. Even today, we have covenants that we make, and hopefully keep.

When we married our spouses, our covenant was for "better or worse, in sickness and health". How are we doing with that covenant? In Emmaus, the leadership all have to sign a covenant with the Upper Room to ensure that all of the Walks are conducted appropriately and within the established guidelines. Why is this so important? To ensure quality assurance-that no matter where in the world you participate in a Walk to Emmaus, that each weekend will be the same in format.

God, in His infinite grace contracted to fulfill all of the conditions of the New Covenant that was cut at Calvary. All that we need to do is to believe in His word. We are each commissioned to go into the world and spread the word, because "whosoever believes in the name of the only begotten Son of God will be saved." Through our love of God and the covenant with Him our covenantal agreement will come into fruition. The Lord will ratify His covenant when the lion and the lamb lie down together.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I thank you for not casting us aside, but for your promises to make a new unconditional covenant with each of us. We pray that you will use each of us to carry out your will. Help us to get out of the way and serve when and where called. Amen.

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