



#### 2020 I plan and vision

Identity

Values

Vision

Who you are will determine

WHERE YOU GO

ID: Sons and Daughters of God

Basis of relationship: Covenant

Type: New, perfect and everlasting

To do: Faith and

Walking by the Spirit

#### 1. Intro:





#### Heart and vision this year I Inside OUT





Scripture Foundations -

Hebrews 10:17

John 7:37-39

Isaiah 61:1-4

We continue with the NEW COVENANT...



Reminder: InsideOUT | PROMISE

Last week: Jeremiah 31:31-33 (NKJV) Also seen in:

Ezekiel 36:24 "'For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. 28 Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. 29 I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will multiside bring famine upon you.

#### 2. Open Eyes I Remember Thankfulness:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 says, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Give thanks in all circumstances.

Thankfulness recalibrates the heart, brings us in line, opens our eyes.



### Psalm 136:1 "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever."

Here we have two reasons to be thankful:

- ✓ God's constant goodness; and
- ✓ His steadfast love.

New Testament: Paul was heavily persecuted, yet:

"Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him" 2 Corinthians 2:14



"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe" Hebrews 12:28

1 Peter 1:6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.



## 2 Timothy 3:2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy...

- ✓ God is worthy of our thanksgiving
- ✓ Credit Him for "every good and perfect gift" James 1:17
- ✓ Thankfulness moves our focus off selfish desires and off the pain of current circumstances
- ✓ Helps us remember that God is in control
- ✓ Appropriate; it is healthy and beneficial to us
- ✓ Reminds us of the bigger picture, that we belong to God



#### 3. New Covenant Perks #1 | Sacrifice:

A covenant is a type of relationship that is shaped by promises made to each other. These promises are held as sacred and binding, even to the point of death. A Covenant fosters trust and longevity of such a relationship.

Covenant is the nature and basis of our relationship with God. Covenant God. It's beautiful and not hard and cold.

#### Covenant always has three elements:

- 1. Promises
- 2. Sacrifice
  - 3. Sign



**Hebrews 9:11-28** (ESV) Redemption Through the Blood of Christ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) 12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our[c] conscience from dead works to serve the living God.





15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. ...



New Covenant | The Perfect Covenant



#### 1. The promises of the covenant:

- cleanse us from our sins
- purify our conscience
- enable us to serve God
- give us an eternal inheritance
- 2. The blood of the covenant: The blood of the New Covenant is the very blood of Jesus. Jesus performs the ultimate act of self-sacrifice. God gives the highest sacrifice for the greatest good, His own life. This sacrifice is infinitely more powerful and perfect than all prior [or other] sacrifices.



#### 3. The sign of the covenant:

- Circumcision of the HEART
- THE HOLY SPIRIT

Three element perfected in the Trinity



#### 4. Communion of the New Covenant:

#### 4.1 Scripture:

1 Corinthians 11:23-34 (HCSB) For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: On the night when He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took bread, 24 gave thanks, broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same way, after supper He also took the cup and said, "This cup is the new covenant established by My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.



27 Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy way will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord. 28 So a man should examine himself; in this way he should eat the bread and drink from the cup. 29 For whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30 This is why many are sick and ill among you, and many have fallen asleep. 31 If we were properly evaluating ourselves, we would not be judged, 32 but when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord, so that we may not be condemned with the world. 33 Therefore, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. 34 If anyone is hungry, he should eat at home, so that when you gather together you will not come under judgment. And I will give instructions about the other matters whenever I



#### 4.2 Why Communion?

- a) When we observe Communion we show our participation in the body of Christ. His life becomes our life and we become members of each other:
- 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 The cup of blessing that we give thanks for, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? 17 Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for all of us share that one bread.
- b) We observe Communion because the Lord told us to. His commands: 1 Corinthians 11:24



c)In observing Communion we are remembering Christ and all that He has done for us in His life, death and resurrection: 1 Corinthians 11:24

d)When observing Communion we take time to examine ourselves: 1 Corinthians 11:28

e) In observing Communion we are proclaiming His death until He comes. It is a statement of faith: 1 Corinthians 11:26



# The NEW COVENANT Communion We are thankful





