



# Covenant Life Church Newsletter #4: Covenant Relationship with God

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**Dear CLC Family and Friends,**

## **Announcements**

**Like us on FACEBOOK:** In cooperation with our governmental leaders request to limit group gatherings, we are continuing to live stream our church services on Covenant Life Church FACEBOOK until further notice. To view our Sunday service on FACEBOOK, please "Like" us on FACEBOOK at Covenant Life Church - **https: [facebook.com/covenantlife4](https://facebook.com/covenantlife4)**

## **Reminders: Church Services and Cancellations**

**A. Church Services:** Until further notice, all CLC services will occur via Facebook Live, unless otherwise noted. These include:

- Monday Night Discipleship class at 8pm
- Tuesday Prayer Tabernacle at 7:30pm. (Dial in - 712-775-7270; access code: 221090)
- Friday Night Table Talk/School of the Holy Spirit at 7:30pm
- Sunday Prophetic Class at 1-2pm via Zoom

**Time:** Apr 26, 2020 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, 7 occurrence(s)

Apr 26, 2020 01:00 PM

May 3, 2020 01:00 PM

May 10, 2020 01:00 PM

May 17, 2020 01:00 PM

May 24, 2020 01:00 PM

May 31, 2020 01:00 PM

Jun 7, 2020 01:00 PM

**Join Zoom**

**Meeting** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85255245878?pwd=Mk16bUZhNGFTMU5HVk0vOUJXMjF3QT09>

**Meeting ID:** 852 5524 5878

**Password:** 3846

**One tap mobile**

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**Dial by your location**

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- Sunday Church Service at 2:30-3:30pm

**B. Cancellations:** All children's and youth church, and group activities to include evangelism, married, singles, seniors, men's and women's are all cancelled until further notice. All conferences for 2020 are cancelled except for the September Deliverance Conference and the Women's Conference on November 13 -14, 2020.

**C. What's New?**

- **BREEZE Church Management System:** We are pleased to announce that we are now using a church database management system called "**Breeze**" that will help members manage their personal information for church. Members now have the opportunity to have a personal church profile that provides name, address, email; allows for members to give online through Breeze so they can track their giving history and provides a church directory.
- **Ways to Give:** You can use **BREEZE** to give or use PayPal on the church website or mail in your donation.

- **One-time or Recurring Donations:** Through **BREEZE** you can enable one-time giving or recurring donations using the link  
<https://covenantlifechurch.breezechms.com>
- **Paypal, ACH or Credit Card Donations:** Through **BREEZE** you can give using PayPal, ACH or Credit Card at the link  
<https://covenantlifechurch.breezechms.com>
- **TEXT TO GIVE:** You can give by texting the number: **(616) 326-3171**
- **Mail:** You can mail in your donation to: CLC, P.O. Box 1262, Springfield, VA 22151
- **Member Accounts:** Pastor Andrea will be reaching out to all members in the near future to invite you to create your own personal account in Breeze (if you desire) that will enable you to monitor your personal and giving history. Meanwhile, you are invited to give through BREEZE as you desire, or use the PayPal GIVE command on the Website.

*We appreciate your faithfulness in attending services through FACEBOOK and your generous donations to the church.*

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## **From the Desk of Apostles Jeff & Dr. Linda Herbert: Our Covenant Relationship with God**

We are blessed and highly favored to be in covenant relationship with God. God is a God of covenant relationship and covenant with him brings great blessings to include eternal life, health, healing, prosperity – everything we need in this world and in the ages to come!

According to [Baker's Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology – the term covenant](#) means a “coming together. It presupposes two or more parties who come together to make a contract, agreeing on promises, stipulations, privileges, and responsibilities.” Thus, a covenant is a promise between two or parties.

So, what is our covenant relationship with God? Jesus said in Luke 22:20, “This cup is the

new covenant in My Blood, which is shed for you.” Our new covenant with God is the New Testament (Covenant) of the Bible that was established by the shed blood of Jesus Christ when he died on the cross for our sins. His blood sacrifice on the cross paid the price for our sins and gave us opportunity to be saved from hell. Our new testament covenant upholds the promises made through the Old Testament, but also does so much more – it ushers in the eternal reign of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the mediator of the new covenant and as such it makes the covenant permanent. By becoming the High Priest who offered himself as the Passover Lamb, his blood sacrifice inaugurated, fulfilled and permanently established the new covenant for all eternity.

In Hebrews 9:12 – 10:18, the Bible records how the shed blood of Jesus Christ was essential to our new covenant with God. These passages relate how Christ became a greater sacrifice because in “he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining<sup>[b]</sup> eternal redemption.” “<sup>13</sup>The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. <sup>14</sup>How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death,<sup>[c]</sup> so that we may serve the living God! <sup>15</sup>For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance— now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.”

<sup>24</sup>For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence. <sup>25</sup>Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. <sup>26</sup>Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

During the Last Supper in Matthew 26: 27-29. Jesus said, <sup>7</sup>Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup>For this is My blood of the <sup>[d]</sup>new covenant, which is shed for many for the <sup>[e]</sup>remission of sins. <sup>29</sup> Thus, the New Testament covenant was made on better promises than the Old Covenant (Old Testament).

It is permanent and covers the eternal reign of Christ. It is a complete consummation of all other biblical covenants and is a covenant of peace (Jer 34:25) where there is a new heaven and new earth, and we reign with him throughout eternity.

We enter into this awesome covenant by accepting Christ into our hearts and asking forgiveness of our sins. He promises us that if we repent, he will forgive us and we will be saved from eternal damnation. Consequently, the new covenant is the culmination of God's saving work among his people. God regenerates us by his Spirit and renews our hearts so that we obey him and in turn reap the benefits of eternal covenantal relationship with him. Without the cross of Christ, none of this is possible. It was only by the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that complete forgiveness of sins is obtained.

So what does this mean for us today? When we face the adversities and challenges of our life as we travel our life journey, we can praise God that at the end of our days, we will be in heaven with Jesus. Going through life, we have great and precious promises based on the Bible because of the shed blood of Jesus. We can believe God for health, healing, provision for our needs, protection, comfort, peace and prosperity – in short, all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).

**Be encouraged in the Lord today. He is with you and He loves you!**