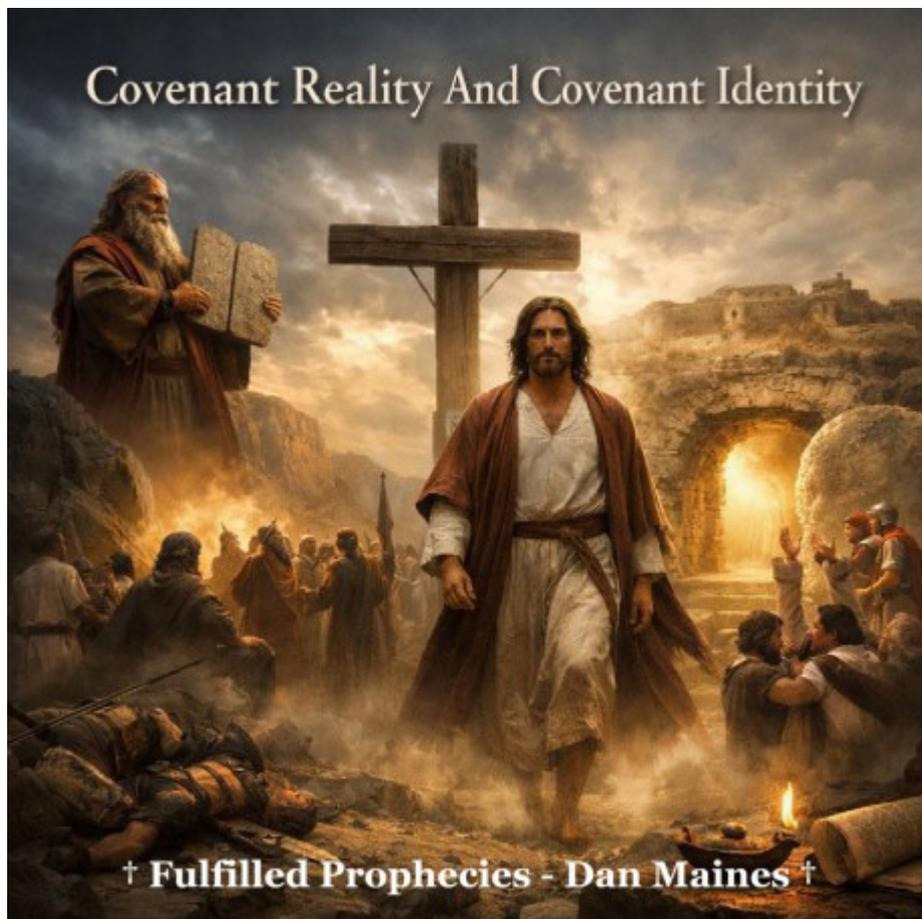


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## Covenant Reality And Covenant Identity



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### Introduction

† When I use the phrase covenant reality or covenant identity, I'm talking about how God relates to people based on covenant standing, not based on biology, geography, or an afterlife location.

† Scripture consistently defines relationship with God through covenant, not through physical condition or future destination.

† Once we see covenant categories clearly, the Bible stops

feeling fragmented and starts reading as one unified story of death and life, separation and reconciliation.

## **2 Corinthians 3:6-9**

who also made us adequate *as* servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

But if the ministry of death, engraved in letters on stones, came with glory so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was, how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be *even* more with glory? For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness excel in glory.

† Paul doesn't describe death as biological here, he's defining death as covenantal, tied directly to the Law.

† The Law produced condemnation and separation, which Paul plainly calls the ministration of death.

† The New Covenant isn't about bodies changing location, it's about covenant standing changing from condemnation to righteousness.

## **Romans 7:9-10**

I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin came to life, and I died; and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me;

† Paul says he died when the Law came, yet his body didn't stop breathing.

† Death here is separation from God through covenant condemnation, not physical death.

† This shows covenant reality clearly, life and death are

covenant conditions.

## Hebrews 9:9-10

which *is* a symbol for the present time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience, since they *relate* only to food, drink, and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until a time of reformation.

† Under the Old Covenant, people could worship, pray, and believe, yet their conscience wasn't cleansed.

† Access was limited, sin was remembered, and covenant standing remained incomplete.

† This wasn't a failure of faith, it was the limitation of the covenant itself.

## Hebrews 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers *and sisters*, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, *through* His flesh, and since *we have* a great priest over the house of God, let's approach *God* with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

† Covenant reality under the New Covenant is bold access, not restricted access.

† The problem wasn't distance or location, it was covenant separation.

† Christ didn't move people to a place, He moved them into full

access.

## **Ephesians 2:12-13**

*remember* that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the people of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who previously were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

- † Being far off wasn't geographical, it was covenantal.
- † Nearness is defined by covenant standing, not physical distance.
- † This is covenant identity shifting from outside to inside.

## **Romans 5:18-19**

So then, as through one offense the result was condemnation to all mankind, so also through one act of righteousness the result was justification of life to all mankind. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

- † Adam and Christ are covenant heads, not biological metaphors.
- † Identity is defined by covenant headship, not genetics.
- † Covenant reality answers the question, who are you under.

## **Colossians 2:12-14**

having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised

Him from the dead. And when you were dead in your wrongdoings and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our wrongdoings, having canceled the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

† Resurrection here is directly tied to forgiveness and removal of the Law.

† Death is defined as covenant condemnation, not physical burial.

† Life comes when the bond of ordinances is removed.

## **1 Corinthians 15:54-57**

But when this perishable puts on the imperishable, and this mortal puts on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written: "DEATH HAS BEEN SWALLOWED UP in victory. WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR VICTORY? WHERE, O DEATH, IS YOUR STING?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

† Paul defines the sting of death as sin empowered by the Law.

† Victory over death comes through covenant change, not biological reversal.

† Death is swallowed when the Law is removed.

## **Historical References**

† Josephus consistently uses death and life language to describe Israel's exile and restoration.

† Eusebius records the transition from Old Covenant Jerusalem

to New Covenant identity centered in Christ.

† Irenaeus taught recapitulation, showing humanity summed up in Adam and restored in Christ.

† Second Temple Jewish literature regularly framed covenant exile as death and restoration as life.

## **How It Applies To Us Today**

† We live from assurance, not fear, because our covenant standing is settled.

† Our confidence isn't based on where we go later, but who we are now in Christ.

† Covenant identity frees us from condemnation driven religion.

† We walk boldly because access isn't partial or conditional anymore.

## **Q & A Appendix**

**Q** What do you mean by covenant reality or covenant identity?

**A** It's how God defines relationship, access, inheritance, and standing through covenant, not biology or location. Romans 5:18-19.

**Q** Does this deny physical death?

**A** No. Scripture distinguishes physical death from covenant death. Covenant death is separation through the Law. 2 Corinthians 3:6; Romans 7:9-10.

**Q** Why does Scripture speak of resurrection in covenant terms?

**A** Because resurrection describes restoration to life and access in Christ after covenant death. Colossians 2:12-14; 1 Corinthians 15:54-57.

**Q** Why doesn't Scripture focus on where we go when we die?

**A** Because the central question is covenant standing, whether one is in Adam or in Christ. Ephesians 2:12-13.

**Q** If covenant death is separation from God, why do people still physically die?

**A** Physical death continues as part of the mortal condition, but covenant death ended in Christ. Scripture distinguishes the two. Romans 7:9-10; 2 Corinthians 5:1-8.

**Q** Does covenant identity mean everyone is automatically saved?

**A** No. Covenant identity is defined by union with Christ. Those in Christ share covenant life, those outside remain under condemnation. Romans 8:1; John 3:18.

**Q** How does judgment fit into covenant reality?

**A** Judgment in Scripture often refers to covenant judgment, the removal of the Old Covenant system and those clinging to it. Hebrews 9:26-28; Matthew 23:36.

**Q** Why does Paul speak of being already raised with Christ?

**A** Because resurrection language describes covenant life restored through union with Christ, not a future biological event. Ephesians 2:5-6; Colossians 3:1-3.

**Q** How does this affect how we read tribulation passages?

**A** Tribulation is covenant judgment tied to the Old Covenant age, not an end of the planet or future global event. Matthew 24:34; Luke 21:22.

**Q** Why is the Law so central to covenant death language?

**A** Because sin gains its power through the Law, and when the Law is removed, covenant death loses its authority. 1 Corinthians 15:56; Romans 10:4.

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