

Covenant Blood

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me. **—Galatians 2:20**

Both parties of the covenant cut their right hands and mingled their blood, symbolizing they were now one person with a new nature.

Jesus Christ is at God's right hand (Ephesians 1:20), and His precious blood is the only blood shed for this new covenant. His pure blood replaced our polluted stream. God's own arm brought salvation (Isaiah 63:5).

To be crucified with Christ is to die to the old self. The old life is drained from me, and His pure blood fills me with new life. "And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross—not by water only, but by water and blood (1 John 5:6 nlt).

When we enter God's covenant, we become a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). We receive His laws written on our hearts (Hebrews 8:10). We die to all self-centeredness and self-seeking. Everything we do—our attitudes, our motives, our every action—we surrender to the God of the covenant.

Declare with confidence today, "Yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Galatians 2:20). Receive a new heart from the Lord (Ezekiel 36:26).

**Lord God, change my heart of stone into a new
|heart of flesh. Replace my hardness with a
tenderness toward You. Fill my heart with
Your living waters so that life
flows through me. Amen.**