

Solution to Study 0063

1. What were the events that occurred before the initiation, enactment, and establishment of the Old Covenant? (**Exodus 3:7-10; 6:1-9; 18:8**)
 - (a) God initiated the deliverance of Israel by sending Moses to Egypt to bring it about
 - (b) God brought about the deliverance with a mighty hand & an outstretched arm
 - (c) God helped them every step of the way in the early stages of their salvation.
 - (d) God requested that they be sanctified before He appeared to them at Sinai.

2. There were similar events which occurred before the initiation, enactment, and establishment of the New Covenant. What were these events? (**Acts 10:38; Matthew 4:12-17, 23; Acts 2:22-23**)
 - (a) God initiated the salvation of mankind through the sending and crucifixion of His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
 - (b) The good news of the kingdom of God was preached and taught to the people.
 - (c) There were healings, miracles, signs, and wonders, to bring the people out of captivity and bondage to the devil and the elements.

3. In the same vein, there are events which must occur before a New Testament believer can partake of the Covenant which God has cut with him. What are these events? (**John 3:16-21**)
 - (a) God will initiate his salvation.
 - (b) God will send people his way to proclaim the good news of His kingdom to him.
 - (c) God will use healings, miracles, signs, and wonders to deliver him if he is under satanic oppression, such as addictions, sexual perversion, involvement with the occult, etc.

4. From what we have studied thus far, what would you say is the role of preaching, miracles, healing, etc. in Christendom?
They reveal to us:
 - (a) The character/nature of God—His mercy, love, goodness, kindness, etc.
 - (b) The faithfulness of God—how He has done such things in the past, and how He would do it again in our own case.
 - (c) The power/ability of God—to deliver and to set free
 - (d) The covenant-keeping nature of God

Conclusion

We can conclude that the New Covenant, like the Old Covenant, was prefaced by God's initiation of man's salvation; His sending of men to preach the good news of the kingdom of God; the performance of healings, miracles, signs, and wonders to set men free from demonic oppression where necessary; the forgiveness of sins; and the salvation of men (which includes righteousness, sanctification, etc.)

Therefore, it is imperative that everyone who comes into a relationship with God through Christ would be made aware of aspects of the covenant, both before and after he has entered into that relationship, and must continue to maintain that relationship for the promises of God to remain effectual in his life. Is this your experience? If "No", then it is time you availed yourself of the significance of the New Covenant; or, where necessary, come to God in repentance, and receive forgiveness through Christ.