

Solution to Study 0064

1. Where can we find the contents of the New Covenant under which every believer in Christ is expected to operate? (**Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Romans 10:8; Hebrews 8:8-10; 4:2**)

In general, the new covenant is to be found in the bible; but it is essentially the word of God in our hearts, mixed with faith.

2. Who were the representatives with whom the New Covenant was consummated? (**Matthew 26:26-28**)

The apostles who were with Jesus at the Last Supper

3. How was the New Covenant established or ratified? (**Matthew 26:26-28**)

The new covenant was established/ratified at the Last Supper, by the words: *“this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”*

- It however, began with the message of the Lord, Jesus Christ, to the people of Israel over a period of time.
- There was the acceptance of the message of the Lord generally.
- A representative of the New Testament church, the apostles, consummated the new covenant at the Last Supper.
- Finally, there was the pronouncement of the Lord, which confirmed/ratified the new covenant.

All these were done even before the actual crucifixion of the Lord.

4. How do believers in Christ enter into the New Covenant today? (**Romans 6:1-9; 12:4-6; Hebrews 6:2a; 1 Corinthians 12:4-14; Galatians 3:27-28**)

The new birth, into which the believer in Christ comes, commences the entry of the believer into the new covenant. This new birth is what we know as the baptism into the Body. Other baptisms will follow: baptism into Christ's death, His Spirit, and His suffering.

5. What is the New Covenant? (**Hebrews 8:8-11; Ezekiel 11:19-20; 36:25-27; Jeremiah 33:38-40**)

The new covenant is God's promise to man to make it possible for him (man) to be able to keep His covenant, by putting His word into man's mind, writing it in his heart, and, making him able to follow God's word without man having to summon his own will power to try to obey God's word. The essence of the new covenant is so that God would bless and prosper man.

6. What is expected of the believer in Christ under the New Covenant? (**Galatians 2:16-21; 5:16-23; Romans 8:14**)

What is expected of the believer in Christ under the new covenant is his total submission or surrender to God, through his yieldedness to the Holy Spirit (that is, allowing the Holy Spirit to take control of the believer's life), thus enabling the believer, through the Holy Spirit to follow the covenant of God effortlessly (without the believer having to struggle to follow the right way).

7. How do believers in Christ ensure that they do not forget the New Covenant today? (**John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**)

(a) By being in an ongoing relationship with the Holy Spirit; and,
(b) By partaking in Holy Communion on a regular basis.

Conclusion

For the believer in Christ to be able to keep the New Covenant, his total and unquestioned submission to God is a must! This submission comes by way of a yielding of the believer to the Holy Spirit's leading, which enables him to be obedient to the Covenant (**1 Peter 1:2; Romans 8:5-9**).

It was the inability of the old covenant worshippers to obey the word of God which they had promised to keep that made the Old Covenant faulty. The Israelites of old thought that they could obey the words of God, and so, they declared that all that had been commanded by God, they would do. However, not being able to keep the covenant, no matter how hard they tried, God put in place a new covenant, which was a promise to make the believer in Christ to be able to keep God's instructions. To achieve this, a person is first saved from the power and influence of sin (including forgiveness of his sins), and then given the grace to be able to keep the covenant through his submission or yieldedness to the Holy Spirit (**Galatians 2:20-21**).

The new covenant worshipper, thus, worships God in Spirit and in truth, because, **he has yielded himself to the Holy Spirit which is in him, and Who is in control of his life and being.**