

*It Is a Matter of Trust*

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God never promised we would be free problems or pain.

John 16:33 (NLT) *I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.*

- God made a covenant, a promise with every Believer.

2 Timothy 3:12 (NLT) *Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*

Romans 8:38-39 (CSB) *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,<sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- God made a promise to every unbeliever.

This covenant, this promise to every unbeliever is found all through the Bible and can be summed up in John 3:16.

John 3:16-17 (CSB) *For God loved ~~the world~~ [your name] in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.<sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn ~~the world~~ [your name], but to save ~~the world~~ [your name] through Him.*

A Contract is a legal agreement based on mutual benefit.

"I'll do this, if you will do that."

A Covenant is a binding promise based on love, loyalty, faithfulness, and relationship. It is not just about benefit—it is about belonging.

1. With Noah - You and your family will be saved.

Genesis 6:8 (NKJV) *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.*

**Genesis 6:18 (CSB)** *But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark with your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives.*

"my covenant" - בְּרִיתִי = *beriti* In each verse *beriti* is used.

**Genesis 9:14** *Whenever I form clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds,<sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant between me and you and all the living creatures: water will never again become a flood to destroy every creature.*

- There was death in this covenant.
  - GOD GAVE NOAH THE SIGN OF THE RAINBOW, YET THERE IS MORE IN THIS MY COVENANT! בְּרִיתִי
2. With Abraham - You will have a land and descendants - Sign Circumcision

**Genesis 17:1-2 (CSB)** *When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him, saying, "I am God Almighty. Live in my presence and be blameless.<sup>2</sup> I will set up my covenant between me and you, and I will multiply you greatly." ...<sup>10</sup> This is my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you, which you are to keep: Every one of your males must be circumcised.*

See Genesis 22:2,12-13.

- GOD GAVE ABRAHAM THE SIGN OF CIRCUMCISION, YET THERE IS MORE IN THIS MY COVENANT! בְּרִיתִי

3. With us!

**Luke 23:32-34 (CSB)** *Two others—criminals—were also led away to be executed with him.<sup>33</sup> When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals, one on the right and one on the left.<sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, because they do not know what they are doing." And they divided his clothes and cast lots.*

**1 John 5:11-13 (CSB)** *And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.<sup>12</sup> The one who has the Son has life. The one who does not have the Son of God does not have life.<sup>13</sup> I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

