

## Covenant - Two Becoming One

Definition	Exchanging Robes	Weapons/Armor and Belt
<p>Agreement, contract, promise, oath</p> <p>In the culture - it was made by passing between pieces of flesh</p> <p>binding agreement - penalty of breaking it was death</p> <p>common things in covenant</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. signs</li> <li>2. sacrifices - giving up something (altar)</li> <li>3. length of time - terms of contract - what is expected</li> <li>4. purpose - why it is being initiated (someone initiates)</li> <li>5. name change</li> <li>6. eating and drinking (meals)</li> <li>7. consequences for keeping or not keeping</li> </ol> <p>Illustrations</p> <p>I Sam 18:1-5</p> <p>Jonathan and David - knit together - Jonathan made covenant with David</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. robe</li> <li>2. armor</li> <li>3. sword</li> <li>4. bow</li> <li>5. belt</li> </ol>	<p>Taking on the other person's identity - you take on or become your covenant partner</p> <p>We lose our right to live for ourself when we enter a covenant relationship</p> <p>Ro 13:14; Eph 4:24; 6:11</p> <p>Gen 2:24 - the two will become one flesh</p> <p>Gal 3:26-29 - clothe ourselves with Christ</p> <p>Col 3:5-14 - lay aside the old self - put on Christ</p> <p>Rom 13:12-14 - lay aside deeds of darkness, put on the armor of light</p> <p>II Cor 5:21 - Jesus took our robe of sin and gave us His robe of righteousness</p> <p>Phil 2:7-8 - Jesus took our identity to the cross (He took our robe and nailed it to the cross)</p> <p>Phil 1:21 - for me to live is Christ - to die is gain</p> <p>Exchanging robes is taking on the identity of your covenant partner</p>	<p>symbolizes protection</p> <p>stronger than family ties and personal interests</p> <p>Ps 105:14-15 - God protects His people</p> <p>II Thes 1:6-10 - Jesus will protect us</p> <p>Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-7 - persecutions against believers is persecution against Jesus</p> <p>Rom 12:14 - bless those who persecute you</p> <p>Rom 12:17 - never repay evil with evil</p> <p>Rom 12:19 - never take your own revenge</p> <p>Matt 5:39 - turn the other cheek</p> <p>5:40 - give him your shirt and tunic</p> <p>5:44 - love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you</p> <p>How do we take on God's enemies</p> <p>John 15:12-25 - we are God's friends - we will bear the world's hatred</p> <p>James 4:1-4 - we have become an enemy of the world</p> <p>I John 2:15-17 - if we show love to the things of the world the love of the Father is not in us</p> <p>Belt = strength and power</p> <p>Is 40:31 - those who wait on the Lord will have strength</p> <p>Phil 4:13 - Christ strengthens me</p> <p>II Cor 12:9 - His strength in my weakness</p> <p>II Tim 4:6-18 - the Lord stands with us and strengthens us</p>