

Nehemiah 10

“Commit to God’s People”

1. We commit ourselves to belong to God’s people (28)

- the diversity of God’s people
- The distinction of God’s people

2. We commit to walking with God’s people (29)

- join together
- Commit to one another
- Commit to God’s Word with one another

3. We commit to holiness among God’s people (30-31)

- to be holy is to be set apart
- They no longer desired to be culturally mixed with foreign god’s and practices
- We are set apart in Christ
- 1 Peter 1:14-16— *“As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy”*
- Hebrews 10:10— *“and by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all”*
- Hebrews 10:14— *“For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified”*
- Holiness is both our position and our duty

4. We commit by supporting God’s work with God’s people (32-39a)

- cost
- Participation
- Responsibility

5. We commit by not neglecting God’s people (39b)

- Hebrews 10:24-25— *“and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as it is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near”*
- God’s people are the best gift on this side of eternity

Their Covenant

- we make
 - Nehemiah 9:38— *“because of all this we make a firm covenant in writing; on the sealed document are the names of the our princes, our levites, and our priests”*
- Will obey

Christ Covenant

- “I will make”
 - Jeremiah 31:31-34— *“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those*

days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

- Luke 22:20— "And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."
- "I will obey"
 - Hebrews 5:8— "although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him"
 - Romans 5:19— "For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience the many will be made righteous"

Ultimately, no matter how much they tried, they failed.
Christ did not.

God's has made a people connected not by ethnicity or ability to perform.
We are not united by common moral virtue or the ability to rise spiritually.

We are united by the blood of Christ.

- we walk together
- We strive together
- We work together
- We study together
- We cry together
- We fight together

Because He has put us together to be light in a dark world.

And our ability to function individually as God has called us is inseparable from our commitment to one another.

In the New Covenant we get a:

- **new life**
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17— "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come"
- **New identity**
 - Galatians 2:20— "I have be crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me"
- **New heart**
 - Hebrews 8:10— "for this is the convent I will make with the house of Israel in those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God and they will be my people."
 - Ezekiel 36:26— "and I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh"

- **New citizenship**
 - *Philippians 3:20— “but our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ”*
- **New record**
 - *Colossians 2:13-14— “God made you alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with it’s legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross”*
- **New people**
 - *1 Peter 2:9-10— “but you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*
 - *Ephesians 2:19— “so then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God”*
- **New king**
 - *Colossians 1:13— “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son”*
- **New help**
 - *John 14:16— “ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever”*
 - *Galatians 5:16— “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”*
- **New Access**
 - *Ephesians 2:18— “For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.”*
- **New Hope**
 - *1 Peter 1:3-5— “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*
 - *Titus 2:13-14— “waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works*