

## Day 16 Colossians 2: 11-12

My daughter recently got engaged and we are now in the middle of planning a wedding.

It is a lot of work, but it has also been a lot of fun to see how her, and her fiancé want to celebrate their union and their vows to one another.

In most religions marriage is more than a wedding, a dress, and a venue. Marriage is a covenant. It is the agreement of two parties who vow to keep their promises to each other. If any of those promises are breached, it dissolves the covenant.

It is curious that the Bible talks a lot in the new and old testaments about circumcision, but it might be helpful to understand that it represents a covenant made between Abraham and God.

When we see it in scripture as we do here in Colossians, it represents covenant. A covenant is legal contract, an agreement, a promise.

What the text telling us here is that through the flesh, the covenant that is represented by human hands, is not enough to keep us right with God. In short, we cannot keep our vows to God.

But unlike a marriage, where broken promises can dissolve a covenant, God cannot and will not break His side of it, even as we break ours.

Think about the love involved in that act. The love in it was Jesus Christ. It was his obedience and resurrection that secures our end of the covenant between God and us if we in repentance turn to Him in faith. If we ever question God's love, may we consider that fact. Christ kept the perfection of our side of the covenant for us. And now we live in the benefit of perfect relationship with God.

I recently did some research on the word lovingkindness in the Bible wondering what it really meant. On a site, [preceptaustin.org](http://preceptaustin.org) I found an interesting meaning.

Lovingkindness in the OT referred to the faithfulness of God's love in relationship to His covenant with Israel which led to His covenant with every nation.

One of the verses this site cited in the Old Testament was in Isaiah. It is definitely worth a read in the vein of lovingkindness being linked to covenant.

Isaiah 54: 10

*"For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, but my lovingkindness will not be removed from you, and my covenant of peace will not be shaken," says the LORD who has compassion on you.*

One of the songs that I love that we sing at Home Church is Same God by Elevation Worship. It's because it sings of us having trust in the same God that held His covenant through generations.

One day we will meet all the people that they mention in that tune, and we will all be singing of the same Savior who kept His word for us. Forever. What a party that will be!