

Text: Genesis 17:1-27
Topics: Covenant, Faith, Obedience
Series: Genesis: The Beginning of His-tory

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There Comes a Time to Act

I. Say it Again (1-8)

God will keep His covenant and He wants His people to believe it!

II. Step Out and Act (9-14)

A physical demonstration of commitment to His covenant confirms belief in it.

III. It Shall Happen (15-22)

God's covenants are impossible to humanly accomplish.

IV. You Shall Do It (23-27)

Immediate and complete obedience demonstrates belief in God's covenant.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. We all know people who've "said the prayer" to become a Christian but their life hasn't shown it. What is the more common reason, they weren't sincere, or, what it means to become a Christian wasn't explained clearly?

2. Read Genesis 17:1-8. God again tells Abram He will establish His covenant with him. What does it mean to establish the covenant?

God made, and restated His covenant in chapters 12, 13, 15, and here again. What two promises were made? What promise is added here?

God gives Abram a new name for Himself, and a new name for Abram. What would be the significance of this? What's significant about the command to walk with Him?

What's the New Testament covenant? (See Matt. 26:28 & Hebr. 9:11-15)

What things take your mind off this covenant? What keeps your mind on it?

3. What did God say Abraham "shall do" in Genesis 17:9-14?

What did God say circumcision would be a sign of?

Is there a sign(s) for people of the New Testament covenant?

If it were a crime to be a Christian, what evidence would convict you?

4. Read Genesis 17:15-22. Why didn't Abraham think he would have a son through Sarah? What was God's answer?

In what way is this a picture of the New Testament covenant?

5. Notice the repeating of "the very same day" and "all" in Genesis 17:23-27. It pictures immediate and complete obedience. Is there an area of your life that God is looking for, and has not gotten, this kind of obedience from you?

What step of obedience can you take now, trusting Christ to help you?