



How? That's the question we need to answer in this session: How can I enter this "new and living way" that Jesus opened up? Can I be a part of this "new" and "better" covenant with God? If so, **how?**

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the _____ of Jesus his Son _____ us from all sin. (1 John 1:5-7)

But Jesus' blood was shed a **long** time ago. How can I come in contact with it?



...which corresponds to this, now _____ you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ... (1 Pet 3:20-21)

Galatians 3:27-29 is also very helpful here:

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are _____ offspring, heirs according to _____.

For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ In **Amos 3:3**, God asked, "Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet?" We heard John talk about "walking" in the light (**1 John 1:7**). What is being described here? What does it mean to "walk" with God?
- ▶ What makes baptism work? Is it special water or magic words? If not, what is it about baptism that saves?
- ▶ Why would I even need to "appeal to God for a good conscience" (**1 Pet 3:21**)? **Hebrews 9:14** might be helpful here.
- ▶ What does "the resurrection of Jesus Christ" have to do with all of this? **Romans 6:3-4** could be helpful here.
- ▶ Let's think through the promise of **Galatians 3:29**. What does it mean to be an "heir according to promise"?
- ▶ To summarize, baptism changes my...
 - **Past**, how?
 - **Future**, how?