

# ***Privilege and Responsibility***

*(Part 1 of 2)*

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## **Joshua 2:14, 18**

“<sup>14</sup> So the men said to her, ‘Our life for yours if you do not tell this business of ours; and it shall come about when the Lord gives us the land that we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.’”

“<sup>18</sup> Unless, when we come into the land, you tie this cord of scarlet thread in the window through which you let us down, and gather to yourself into the house your father and your mother and your brothers and all your father’s household.”

## **Genesis 17:7-10, 14**

“<sup>7</sup> ‘I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. <sup>8</sup> I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.’ <sup>9</sup> God said further to Abraham, ‘Now as for you, you shall keep My covenant,

you and your descendants after you throughout their generations. <sup>10</sup> This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: every male among you shall be circumcised.””

“<sup>14</sup> But an uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.”

## Genesis 19:14-16

“<sup>14</sup> Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, and said, ‘Up, get out of this place, for the Lord will destroy the city.’ But he appeared to his sons-in-law to be jesting. <sup>15</sup>

When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, ‘Up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away in the punishment of the city.’ <sup>16</sup> But he hesitated. So the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his two daughters, for the compassion of the Lord was upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city.”

## **I Corinthians 10:1-4**

“<sup>10</sup> For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food; <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.”

## **Exodus 14:21-22**

“<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.”

## **I Corinthians 10:5**

“<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.”



## **I Corinthians 7:8-16**

“<sup>8</sup> But I say to the unmarried and to widows that it is good for them if they remain even as I. <sup>9</sup> But if they do not have self-control, let them marry; for it is better to marry than to burn with passion. <sup>10</sup> But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband <sup>11</sup> (but if she does leave, she must remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband), and that the husband should not divorce his wife. <sup>12</sup> But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her.

<sup>13</sup> And a woman who has an unbelieving husband, and he consents to live with her, she must not send her husband away. <sup>14</sup> For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy. <sup>15</sup> Yet if the unbelieving one leaves, let him leave; the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases, but God has called us to peace. <sup>16</sup> For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?”

“<sup>14</sup> For the unbelieving husband is sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified through her believing husband; for otherwise your children are unclean, but now they are holy.”

The verb “to be sanctified” is in the perfect tense which means the moment the spouse became a Christian his or her unbelieving partner comes in contact with holiness.

While covenant children have the privileges of Christian fellowship and hearing of the Word of God, they also have greater responsibility than those who are outside the covenant community.

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