

I. STEP 6: TAKE ON EACH OTHER'S NAMES

- A. Your New Name:** Your 1st Name – *Partner's Last Name* – Your Last Name
Partner's New Name: Partner's 1st Name – *Your Last Name* – Partner's Last Name

B. Marriage Covenant

1. Woman takes on man's name
2. Man is known as "the husband of the woman"

C. God's Name: יהוה YHVH *Jehovah/Yahweh*

1. One of His most sacred names is "Yah" or "ah" - Jehovah
 - **Isaiah** - The Lord has saved
 - **Jeremiah** - The Lord establishes
 - **Zechariah** - The Lord remembers
 - **Hallelujah** - Praise the Lord
2. **Ps. 43:4** Literal Hebrew Translation
"Then I will go to the alter of my God, who's name has become the sound of my joy" (Ha, Ha, Ha)

C. Gen. 17:5, 15 God Gives Abrahamic and Sarai His Name

Vs. 5 Abram (אַבְרָם) Abraham (אַבְרָהָם)

Vs. 15 Sarai (שָׂרַי) Sarah (שָׂרָה)

D. Exodus 3:14-15 God Changes His Name

1. Yahweh the "God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob"
2. Covenant names extends to the children - children are in you
 - "God of Israel" (Ruben, Issachar, Judah the 12 tribes)
 - Also called the "God of the gentiles"
 - We can also called Him "*Yahweh, the God of you and I*"

D. **Gal. 3:29** New Covenant Believers Are Part Of Abraham's Seed

"If you belong to Christ, then are you of Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

Eph. 1:4-5 They're Abraham's Seed Because They Were In Messiah

"We were in Christ before the foundation of the world"

E. **1 John 3:1** God Gives Us His Name As Part Of Our New Name

"See how great a love that the Father bestows on us, that we should be called the son's of God."

1. God Gives Us His Name As An Empowerment

<i>JEHOVAH</i>	<i>Shammah</i>	<i>God is there</i>
<i>JEHOVAH</i>	<i>Asaw</i>	<i>My Maker</i>
<i>JEHOVAH</i>	<i>Mekaddishem</i>	<i>My Sanctifier</i>
<i>JEHOVAH</i>	<i>Tsidkeenu</i>	<i>My Righteousness</i>
<i>JEHOVAH</i>	<i>Tsur</i>	<i>My Strength</i>
<i>JEHOVAH</i>	<i>Shalom</i>	<i>My Peace</i>
<i>JEHOVAH</i>	<i>Rohi</i>	<i>My Shepherd</i>
<i>JEHOVAH</i>	<i>Rapha</i>	<i>My Healer</i>
<i>JEHOVAH</i>	<i>Jireh</i>	<i>My Provider</i>
<i>JEHOVAH</i>	<i>Nissi</i>	<i>My Victory (Banner)</i>

2. **3rd Commandment**: "Thou shall not take the Lord's name in vain"

- a) **Vain**: "Unsuccessful, Futile, Fruitless, Lacking substance or worth, Hollow, Useless, Not yielding the desired outcome"
- b) When we refuse to believe His Name (Empowerment), We take His Name in vain

3. Believing in His name qualifies us to become our name

John 1:12

"But to as many as receive Him, to them He gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

II. STEP 7: CUT HANDS AND LET BLOOD MINGLE**A. As Blood Flows Into One Another We Become One Life**

1. Life is in the blood – Partners are one life
2. Origin of the Hand Shake

B. Marriage Covenant - Groom And Bride Take Each Other's Right Hand

1. Some Gypsy weddings still cut their hands and put them together
2. When a marriage is consummated:
 - Woman has a "Hymen" – membrane w/blood in it
 - First act of intercourse breaks the Hymen and the blood of the covenant is shed
 - Ancient Israel hung the sheets out for all to see that a covenant was made (sign that a covenant has been made)
3. Blood is thicker than water
 - Blood between the man and the woman is stronger than the water of the embryonic fluid between the parents and the children

C. Rub Dirt In The Cut – "Sign Of The Covenant"

1. God and Abram could not cut their hands and let their blood mingle

Gen. 17:10-11 Physical circumcision became the sign of the covenant

D. Col. 2:11-12 New Covenant Circumcision – Circumcision Of Christ

1. Holy Spirit immerses you in the body of Christ – "One Batism"
2. Supernatural work - sin is cut away by the Holy Spirit
3. Water baptism seals that work done by the Holy Spirit and becomes the "Sign of the New Covenant."

E. Why Was Jesus Baptized By John? (Baptism Of Repentance)

Matt. 3:13-16 To fulfill all righteousness

1. Man is spiritually unclean
 - Man is in sin: Only blood sacrifice can wash away sin
2. Man is physically unclean (Contact with the world)
 - Only a Micvah can wash away the contamination of the world
 - Michvah: Washing, purification, baptism
3. Examples: A Michvah separates man from physical uncleanness
 - Noah in the Ark
 - Red Sea separated Israel from Egypt (sin & the world)
 - Joshua crossed the Jordan *“reproach of Egypt was rolled away”*

F. Lev. 16:2-4 High Priest Took A Michvah (Rabbi's Tunnel)

1. Jesus was entering His role as HIGH PRIEST
2. Had to bathe (Michvah) before He could enter Holy of Holies in heaven and present His blood - fulfill all righteousness
3. **Exodus 30:17-21** High Priest Washed Hands and Feet Again
 - Origin of foot washing

G. New Covenant: 1 Pet. 2:9 “We are a royal priesthood”

1. **Heb. 10:19-22** Need to bathe before we can enter Holy of Holies to minister to God
2. Baptism is more than just an outward sign
Baptism is a part of our priesthood unto God

III. STEP 8: COVENANT MEAL**A. Covenant Is Consummated With A Meal**

1. Bread – Wheat I grew/reaped, it represents me - my body
2. Wine – Grapes I grew/pressed, my life source - my blood
3. Symbolic of eating my body and drinking my blood
 - Says, “I’ll be in you and you’ll be in me”
 - Two become one flesh
4. Wedding party where they serve each other cake and wine

B. Gen. 14:16-20 Covenant Meal And The Tithe To Melchizedek

1. Covenant meal with Israel – Passover lamb in Egypt
 - Lamb cooked upright on pomegranate stick “crown sacrifice”

C. Matt. 26:26-29 New Covenant Meal (Passover)

1. Eat of His body and drink of his blood - Christ in you
2. Col. 1:25-27 Mystery of the Church - Christ in you
 - Covenant meal is the seal that Christ is in you
3. 1 Corn. 10:16-17 Many are one body in Christ

D. 1 Corn. 11:23-30 Communion Consummates The New Covenant

1. Passover Communion – Betrothal Supper
2. We Become A Kingdom Of Priests After The Order Of Melchizedek
3. Preparing the way for the Feast of Tabernacles – Marriage Supper

IV. KINGDOM OF PRIESTS**A. Ex. 19:5-6 Melchizedek Priesthood Is Called To Keep Covenant**

⁵Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; ⁶ and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel. "

1. God wanted to establish the Melchizedek Priesthood at Sinai
2. God's Spirit tried to write His Laws on their hearts, but they rejected His voice
3. God had to write Torah on stone
4. God had to created the Levitical Priesthood as a substitute
5. Israel consistently disobeyed God's covenant

B. 1 Pet. 2:1-9 Melchizedek Priesthood Is Called To Obey God's Word

1. Desire the pure milk of the word (Tanakh)
2. Built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood
3. They stumbled because they were disobedient to the word

C. We Must Walk In Obedience To God's Covenant (Torah)

1. The Word – Mt. Sinai (early rain)
2. The Spirit – Mt. Zion (latter rain)