Entering into the Kingdom of God

The Scripture tells us that to have this new beginning, to be picked up from under the governance of the devil, to be washed from sin, to be redeemed and delivered into His Kingdom, the Son of God had agreed to die on the cross. *(… to give His life a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28; We have… through His blood the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13)*

The work of the cross is God's gift for every person that enters into a contract/covenant with the Lord and repents of his evil deeds, renounces his own will, and puts all his faith in Lord Jesus. The bloodshed on the cross gives us the opportunity of being put in a new state, in which He can work with us through the Holy Spirit towards our complete restoration *. (…the sanctification of the Spirit. 1 Peter 1:2; Being transformed into the same image through the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18)*

In ancient times, God delivered His people from the harsh enslavement of Egypt and made a covenant/contract with them by which He promised to take them to the land of Canaan. Today, for those that renounce their sinful past and put their trust in Him, God frees them from the enslavement/bondage of sin through the sacrifice of the cross and concludes with them a covenant *(the New Covenant*) by which He promises to take them to the eternal Kingdom, but not unconditionally. In order for me to benefit from the gift of the cross, I too will have to commit, just as the ancestors did at the conclusion of the old covenant. My commitment to this covenant must be the promise of taking on the responsibility of keeping and fulfilling everything that the Lord has commanded. *(All the words which the Lord has spoken we will do! Exodus 24:3)*

Just as the Jews had the book of the old covenant through Moses, so we have today the book of the New Covenant through Lord Jesus Christ, which is the gospel or the Word of Christ. *(I will put My words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command Him; it shall come about that whoever will not listen to My words which He shall speak in My name, I Myself will judge him of it. Deuteronomy 18:18-19; Read also Acts 3:22-23)*

God commits Himself to those who enter into the covenant to begin the work of salvation; this is the moment of entering the territory of the Kingdom, of being born again, a birth that so few people end up having, which will remain a great mystery to most of us. *(Many will seek to enter, but will not be able. Luke 13:24)*

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