

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME

**SONG:** Behold Our God

### CHILDREN'S TALK

### CONFESSION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
We have sinned against you  
And against our fellow men,  
In thought and word and deed,  
In the evil we have done  
And in the good we have not done,  
Through ignorance, through weakness,  
Through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
Who died for us,  
Forgive us all that is past;  
And grant that we may serve you  
In newness of life  
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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**NOTICES** (Children leave for Sunday School and Crèche)

**RESPONSES:** Romans 2:28-29

**SONG:** Holy Spirit

**SONG:** We Belong To The Day

**READING:** Genesis 17:1-14 (pg. 11)

### SERMON

### PRAYERS

**SONG:** Every Promise

### BLESSING

## NOTICES

### Grace Groups

Our small group Bible studies meet on Wednesdays at 8pm (7.10pm for food) in the King William building, Greenwich.

### Bitesize Theology

This Wednesday, we will continue our Bitesize Theology series with a session on The Sovereign Saviour. This will happen before Grace Groups, starting at 7:15pm in the King William Building, Greenwich.

### Book Discussion- *change of venue*

Join us at 8pm on the 17th January in *The Old Brewery, SE10 9LW*, as we discuss our book of the term, "Men and Women in the Church" by Kevin DeYoung.

### Eltham Sunday Crèche Helpers Needed

With more children joining our crèche in the afternoons, more helpers are required! If you would be willing to serve in this way (subject to a DBS check) please speak to Holly Reynolds or Naomi Pick.

### Giving

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*Next Sunday, 23rd January: Genesis 17:15-27*



## Welcome!

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022

*"For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly,  
nor is circumcision outward and physical.  
But a Jew is one inwardly,  
and circumcision is a matter of the heart,  
by the Spirit, not by the letter."*

*Romans 2:28-29 (ESV)*

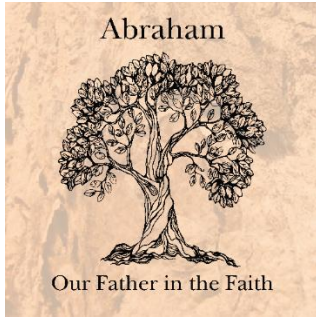
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# Genesis 17:1-14



17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless,<sup>2</sup> that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.”<sup>3</sup> Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him,<sup>4</sup> “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of

nations.<sup>5</sup> No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.<sup>6</sup> I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.<sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.<sup>8</sup> And I will give to you and to your offspring 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> And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.<sup>10</sup> This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.<sup>11</sup> You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.<sup>12</sup> He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring,<sup>13</sup> both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant.<sup>14</sup> Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

A relationship with God...but what kind of relationship?

1. The Lord confirms his covenant (vv1-8)

Global

Enduring

Establishing relationship with Him

2. The Lord introduces a covenant sign (vv9-14)

A mark of Belonging

A mark of His acceptance

A mark of Pruning

## COFFEE QUESTIONS:

What do you find exciting about being part of God’s covenant?

How can you keep remembering these privileges?

God’s covenant signs are both important but also worse than useless if separated from the inner reality they signify: which of these truths are we more in danger of neglecting?