**Scripture:** Ten Commandments (Ex. 20) & Deuteronomy 7:1-21 **Singing:** 400:1-3 - 330:1, 4 - 215:1-6 - 236:1-2 - 222:5-7 - 425:5, 6

Know ye that the LORD He is God: It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Ps. 100:3

## The LORD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

I. What does that mean? II. What does not mean?

## I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE THE LORD'S COVENANT PEOPLE?

- A. We need to learn to listen how God speak about us
  - 1. We are all lost sheep as a fallen human race (Is. 53:6)
  - 2. But some of these lost sheep are become 'sheep in Christ's pasture' (Ps. 95:7)
    - a. the 'sheep in Christ's pastures' are His people
      - Deut. 7:6; 14:2; 26:18; Ps. 50:5,7, 16; 81:8-10; Romans 9:4
    - b. the 'sheep in Christ's pastures' are either obedient (believing) or disobedient (unbelieving) children
- B. Do we think and speak how God thinks and speak about us?
  - 1. God warns us as every parent would: vs. 1-5; 9-11
  - 2. God commands us nurture and teach our children in the Lord (Eph. 6:4)
  - 3. God models how we are to remind ourselves and our children of who we are a. as holy people unto the LORD thy God
    - b. as a chosen people
    - c. as a special people unto Jehovah God, above all people that are on earth
    - d. as a loved people

e. as a redeemed people

C. What is to be our response this this amazing privilege and status as His people?

## II. WHAT DOES IT NOT MEAN TO BE THE LORD'S COVENANT PEOPLE?

A. God's Word also tells us: not all Israel is Israel (Rom. 9:6; Matt. 8:12)

- B. God's Word warns us about two *ruining applications*1. under-rating of your high privilege (Is. 5:1-4; Heb. 2:3; 3:15-4:2)
  - 2. over-rating of your high privilege (John 3:3,5; Deut. 7:9-11; Deut. 10:15-16)
- C. Both *under-rating* and *over-rating* leads to spiritual soul-wreck

  1. Under-rating leads to a *lukewarm or compromising life* 
  - 2. Over-rating leads to a presumptuous or deceived life

Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God:
Him shalt thou serve,
and to Him shalt thou cleave,
and swear by His Name.
He is Thy praise, and He is thy God.
Deut. 10:20-21a