

God has related with His people in and through covenants throughout the history of redemption.

Christ - the ultimate leader, man, and covenant keeper - fulfilled every OT covenant.

By Christ's life, death, and resurrection He authorized a new covenant.

Everyone who believes in who Jesus was and what He did is united in covenantal union with Christ.

This individual union with Christ simultaneously results in our union with other gospel believers.

This corporate union with other gospel believers is what we call the church of the Lord Jesus.

Christianity, then, is not just a privatized "Jesus and me" existence with a loose association to the universal church.

Covenantal membership is the logical conclusion of all we've been saying.