



# essentials

KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE

## EXAMINING THE TEXT

## God Covenants

Read the following verses:

Adam – Gen. 2; 3:15; Hos. 6:7; Noah – Gen. 6:18; 9:8-17; Abraham – Gen. 12:1-3, 15-18; 17:1-14; 22:16-18; Moses – Ex. 3:4-10; 6:7; 19:5-6; 24:8; David – 2 Sam. 7:8-19; Ps. 89:3; New – Jer. 31:31-34; Matt. 26:26-29; Lk. 22:20; Heb. 8:6-9:28

1. What is a covenant?
2. What do the covenants show us about God's response to man's fall in Genesis 3?
3. From the verses under II. 2 in the supplemental material find some examples of blessings and conditions associated with covenants.

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. In the different covenants, what is the scope covered? Who or what does the covenant embrace? Does a particular covenant apply to Israel as a nation, all people, all creatures?
2. Covenants typically point to Christ. In what particular aspect, if any, does each covenant point to Christ?

## THE HEART OF THE MATTER

1. What does it mean to you that you are in a covenant relationship with God?
2. Once we are saved we are in a covenant relationship with God. God sees marriage as a covenant (Mal. 2:14). How should this realization affect our view of marriage? How does this Biblical view of marriage as a covenantal relationship compare with contemporary society's view of marriage?