Deuteronomy 29 • The Covenant in Moab

- (v.1) What was initially established through God's Word by blood at Horeb is confirmed by being put into practice at Horeb. It is a picture of how salvation is always completed by the follow-on work of sanctification.
- 2. (v.2-9) Just as God followed through and <u>proved</u> His Word by fulfilling His promises, so His people must follow through and <u>prove</u> their commitment to His Word by putting it into practice.
- 3. (v.10-13) God's covenant relationship, whether under the "Old" or the "New", has always been intended for everyone.
- 4. (v.14-21) God's people must not only resist the <u>outside</u> influences of the world, but even more importantly guard against those on the <u>inside</u> who fall away to become a growing influence <u>corrupting</u> others from God's Word and ways.
- 5. (v.22-28) The physical <u>consequences</u> of the curses in God's Word come about as a reflection of the spiritual condition of a heart showing itself to be <u>unfaithful</u>, willfully forsaking an exclusive covenant relationship in the character of <u>adultery</u>, the willful rejection of one for another.
- (v.29) Everything we need to know for this life and the one to come has been <u>revealed</u>. A covenant relationship requires simply being faithful to God's Word <u>as we already know it</u>.

<u>Conclusion</u>: Salvation begins with our initial <u>one-time</u> life-changing decision to choose Christ, but is followed up with the work of sanctification which is a <u>daily</u> decision to choose His Word and ways over our own. This was always the <u>pattern</u>, even with the Old Covenant.