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## **“Sign of Life”**

*“You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you.” (Genesis 17:11)*

*“He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.”  
(Genesis 3:24)*

### **Believers?**

**John 8:30-47** – (30) “As [Jesus] was saying these things, many believed in him. (31) So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, ‘If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, (32) and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.’ (33) They answered him, ‘We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’ (34) Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. (35) The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. (36) So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (37) I know that you are offspring of Abraham; yet you seek to kill me because my word finds no place in you. (38) I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.’ (39) They answered him, ‘Abraham is our father.’ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing what Abraham did, (40) but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did. (41) You are doing what your father did.’ They said to him, ‘We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.’ (42) Jesus said to them, ‘If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. (43) Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. (44) You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. (45) But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. (46) Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? (47) Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

**God’s People Subject Themselves to the Sword of God’s Word**

**“For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”  
(Romans 8:14)**

## **Communion Clues:**

### **(1) 2 Ears, 1 Mouth**

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”  
(Romans 10:17)

### **(2) Word to the Wise**

“The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.” (Isaiah 50:4-5)

### **(3) Necessity over Noise**

“And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.’ But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.’” (Luke 10:39-42)

## **Questions:**

- (1) What impacted me the most in this message?
- (2) Do I intently listen to God’s voice through the day? (Heb. 3:15)
- (3) Am I troubled about many things like Martha? Was Martha guilty of doing things right, but not doing the right thing?