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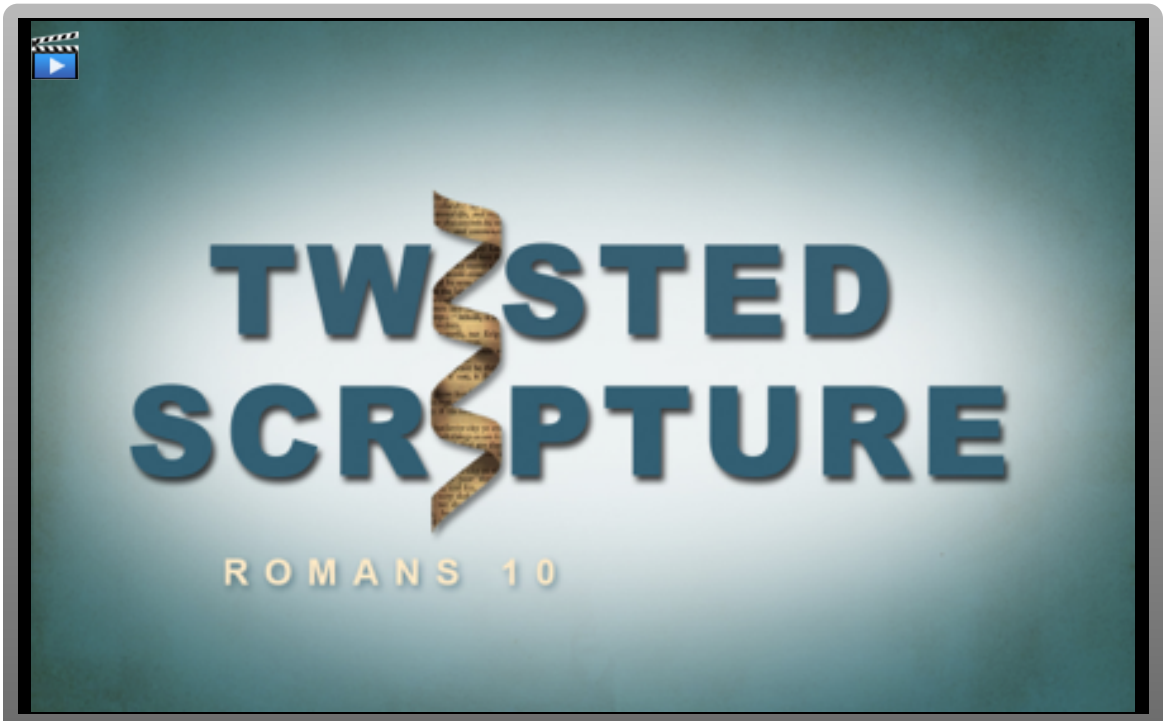

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ROMANS 10:9, 12-13

…if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved…. For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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I JOHN 2:4-6

Whoever says, "I have come to know him," but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, "I abide in him," ought to walk just as he walked.

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6.

EPHESIANS 2:5

…he made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you *have been saved.*

7.

I CORINTHIANS 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us *who are being saved* it is the power of God.

8.

ROMANS 5:10

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, *shall we be saved* through his life!

9.

Contract = about a legal deal between parties
Covenant = about a commitment involving the life of both parties

Contract = about acquiring something from someone
Covenant = about an other-oriented relationship with someone

10.

Contract = about protecting your self-interest over and against the other party
Covenant = about protecting the integrity of the relationship that binds together both parties

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Book of Revelation depicts the church as the “bride” of Christ who will feast at a wedding festival when the Lord returns (19:7, 9; 21:2, 9; 22:17)

15.

Our Gracious God and Bridegroom,

We confess that we have repeatedly broken covenant with you in thought, word and deed, so we ask for your forgiveness and help in freeing us from our sin.

16.

We confess our faith that you are as beautiful as you reveal yourself on the cross
and commit to always lay aside deceptive images of you that are contrary to this.

17.

We confess that, in Christ, You made the greatest possible sacrifice to rescue us from our sin and from Satan's oppression
and to bring us into a saving covenantal relationship with you.

18.

We confess that on the cross you have extended your hand in marriage to us
and by your empowering grace and indwelling Spirit we respond by declaring "We Do!"

19. [Group]

By your empowering grace and indwelling Spirit
we commit to turn from our self-centered, covenant-breaking ways
and to cultivate the life of a faithful bride.

20.

By your empowering grace and indwelling Spirit,
we commit to pouring our whole self out for you
just as you poured Your whole self out for us.

21.

When we fall short, as we often do, we ask you to forgive us,
to pick us up and protect us from discouragement,
and to continue to free us from our fallen ways.

22.

We thank you, Father, Son and Spirit, for being a faithful groom
even when we have been an unfaithful bride.

23.

We thank you, Father, Son and Spirit, for giving us the confidence
that our process of salvation and transformation will someday be complete.

24.

With hope and joy we look forward to the time
when we shall perfectly dwell in your unending love
as you perfectly dwell in ours
in the consummation of our beautiful marriage
forever and ever,
Amen.

25.