

YHWH (the-God-who-makes-things-happen) is the personal, covenant-making God. He is also the faithful covenant-keeping God. YHWH invites us to join his Eternal Community (Father-Son-Holy Spirit) through the New Covenant in Jesus Christ. This covenant allows us to be forgiven and reconciled with God (salvation) by our being “in Christ.” It also requires that faithful covenant-keeping people allow the indwelling Holy Spirit to help them mature to be “like Christ.” The result of being “in Christ” + “like Christ” = “with Christ”: Covenant Community! This relational interdependence (vertically *and* horizontally) fosters growth and harmony by providing enough stability for relationships to flourish, **and** enough freedom for creativity to flourish—providing the means of restoring God’s original intention in creating humans in *their* image! May the Holy Spirit be invited to inspire this relational creativity in our everyday lives through faithful covenant-keeping! The breadth of the covenant-keeping concept of *hesed* is summarized in this chart. Embracing these challengingly simple motivations and responses in all our relationships will attract the lost to Jesus Christ—fulfilling God’s purpose through God’s privilege—as Christians **act** like Christ.

