

THE NEW COVENANT!

2 Corinthians 3:6 He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

1. Covenants

- a. Old - **Hebrews 8:7** For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.
 - i. **Hebrews 9:1** Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary.
- b. New - **Hebrews 10:1-10** The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming--not the realities themselves. . ³But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, ⁴because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; ⁶with burnt offerings and sin offerings . you were not pleased. ⁷Then I said, 'Here I am--it is written about me in the scroll--I have come to do your will, O God.' " ⁸ . . ." He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

2. Messenger

- a. Old - Came by Moses -John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- b. New - Came by Christ - **Hebrews 8:6** But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises.
 - i. **Hebrews 9:15** For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.
- c. Old - Given by angels - **Galatians 3:19** What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator.
- d. New - Given by the Holy Spirit - **Hebrews 10:15-18** The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: ¹⁶"This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." ¹⁷Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." ¹⁸And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

3. Laws

- a. Old - Law of Moses - **Acts 13:38-39** "Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.

- b. New - Law of Christ - **Galatians 6:2** Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
4. Types of Law
- a. Old - Law of Sin - **Romans 7:23** but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.
 - b. New - Law of Righteousness - **Romans 8:2** because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death
 - i. **Romans 9:31** but Israel, who pursued a law of righteousness, has not attained it.
 - c. Old - Law of the flesh - **Romans 7:5-6** For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death. ⁶But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.
 - d. New - Law of the Spirit - **Romans 8:2** because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.
 - e. Old - Brings a curse - **Galatians 3:10** All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."
 - f. New - Redeems from the curse - **Galatians 3:13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."
5. Based on
- a. Old - Not of Faith - **Galatians 3:12** The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, "The man who does these things will live by them."
 - b. New - Law of Faith - **Romans 3:27** Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith
6. Produces
- a. Old - Yoke of Bondage - **Galatians 5:1** It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.
 - b. New - Law of Liberty - **James 1:25** But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.
 - c. Old - Brings Bondage - **Galatians 4:24-25** These things may be taken figuratively, for the women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. ²⁵Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children.
 - d. New - Brings Freedom - **2 Corinthians 3:17** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
 - e. Old - Can not justify - **Galatians 2:16** know that a man is not justified by observing

the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified.

- f. **New - Does Justify - Acts 13:38-39** "Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.
 - g. **Old - No Inheritance - Romans 4:13** It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.
 - h. **New - Eternal Inheritance - Hebrews 9:15** For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.
 - i. **Old - Ministration of condemnation - 2 Corinthians 3:9** If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!
 - j. **New - Ministration of righteousness - 2 Corinthians 3:9** If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!
 - k. **Old - Ministration of Death - 2 Corinthians 3:7** Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was,
 - l. **New - Ministration of Spirit and Life - 2 Corinthians 3:6-8** He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious?
7. **When**
- a. **Old - Ended by Christ - Romans 10:4** Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.
 - b. **New - Started by Christ - Hebrews 10:9** Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second.
8. **Result**
- a. **Old - Nothing perfect - Hebrews 7:19** (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.
 - b. **New - Makes perfect - Hebrews 10:14** because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.
 - c. **Old - Brought Death - 2 Corinthians 3:7** Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was,
 - d. **New - Brought Life - Romans 8:2** because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

- e. Old - Can not give life - **Galatians 3:21** Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God? Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law.
- f. New - Can give life - **Galatians 3:13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."
- g. Old - Live by works - **Galatians 3:10**- All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."
- h. New - Live by Faith - Galatians 3:11 ¹¹Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, "The righteous will live by faith."
- i. Old - Under Law - **Romans 6:14-15** For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!
- j. New - Under Grace - **Galatians 3:22-25** But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. ²³Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. ²⁴So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.
- k. Old - Carnal Ministry -**Hebrews 9:9-10** This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. ¹⁰They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings--external regulations applying until the time of the new order.
- l. New - Spiritual Ministry - **2 Corinthians 3:6** He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.
- m. Old - An old way of life - **Hebrews 8:13** By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.
- n. New - A new glorious way of life - **Hebrews 10:19-20** Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,
- o. Old - Earthly Tabernacle - **Hebrews 9:2** A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand, the table and the consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place.
- p. New - Heavenly tabernacle - **Hebrews 8:2** and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by man.
- q. Old - No miracle power - **Hebrews 7:18** The former regulation is set aside because it was weak and useless
- r. New - Miracles for the believer - **John 14:12** I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.
 - i. **Galatians 3:1-5** You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your

very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. ²I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort? ⁴Have you suffered so much for nothing--if it really was for nothing? ⁵Does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard?

- s. Old - Makes guilty - **2 Corinthians 3:9** If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness!
 - t. New - Makes Free - **Galatians 5:1** It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.
 - u. Old - Demands righteousness - **Luke 10:28** "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."
 - v. New - Gives righteousness - **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
 - w. Old - Makes imperfect - **Hebrews 7:19** (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.
 - x. New - Makes perfect - **Hebrews 7:19** (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.
 - y. Old - Powerless to save - **Hebrews 9:9** This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper.
 - i. **Hebrews 10:4** because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
 - z. New - Save to the utmost - **Hebrews 7:25** Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.
 - aa. Old - Remembers sin - **Hebrews 10:3** But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins,
 - bb. New - Forgets sin - **Hebrews 8:12** For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."
 - i. **Hebrews 10:17** Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."
9. What is the role?
- a. Old - A shadow - **Col. 2:14** having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.
 - b. New - A Reality - A reality - **Romans 10:1-18 . 8** But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: ⁹That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹¹As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put

to shame."

- c. Old - Glorious - **2 Corinthians 3:7** Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was,
- d. New - More Glorious - **2 Corinthians 3:7** ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory.
- e. Old - Many sacrifices - **Hebrews 9:12-13** He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean.
- f. New - One sacrifice - **Hebrews 10:12** But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.
- g. Old - Exposes Sin - **Galatians 3:19** What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator.
- h. New - Covers Sin - **Romans 4:1-8** What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? ²If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about--but not before God. ³What does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." ⁴Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. ⁵However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. ⁶David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: ⁷"Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ⁸Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him."
- i. Old - many temporary priests - **Hebrews 7:23** Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office;
- j. New - One eternal priest - **Hebrews 7:17** For it is declared: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."
- k. Old - Aaronic Priesthood - **Hebrews 7:11** If perfection could have been attained through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need for another priest to come--one in the order of Melchizedek, not in the order of Aaron?
- l. New - Melchizedek Priesthood - **Hebrews 5:5-10** So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." ⁶And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." ⁷During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he

became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

- i. **Hebrews 7:21** but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever.' "
- m. Old - Yearly atonement - **Hebrews 10:3** But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins,
- n. New - Eternal atonement - **Hebrews 10:14** because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.
- o. Old - sinful Ministry - **Hebrews 5:1-4** Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴No one takes this honor upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was.
- p. New - Sinless Ministry - **Hebrews 7:26** Such a high priest meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

10. Age

- a. Old - Fulfilled - **Matthew 5:17-18** "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.
- b. New - Now in Force - **Hebrews 8:6** But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises.
 - i. **Hebrews 10:9** Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second.

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