

Bible Trek 3


THE MOSAIC AND DAVIDIC COVENANT AND NEW COVENANT



The Mosaic Covenant

- Q. WHY IS IT CALLED THE MOSAIC COVENANT?
- A. IT WAS GIVEN TO MOSES - it consisted of the **LAW** and the **Levitical System**

IT IS THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE BEHAVIOR OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE

<p>Exodus19:5-8 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, [6] you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."</p>		<p>[7] So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and had commanded him to speak. [8] The people all responded together, "We will do everything the Lord has said." So Moses brought their answer back to the Lord. set before them all the words the Lord</p>	
<p>Moses was given the LAW</p> 		<p>Many of the laws dealt with hygiene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was not until the 1880's that medical science figured out the importance of personal hygiene • One other was to confirm that God knew what was best! 	

- **We will do everything the LORD has said.** --This is their agreement with the covenant!
- ***IT IS A CONDITIONAL COVENANT- IF YOU DON'T OBEY I WILL NOT BLESS YOU. . THIS IS THE STANDARD BY WHICH GOD JUDGED THEM YEAR AFTER YEAR.***
- ***IT IS A TEMPORARY COVENANT – IT CEASES AT THE DEATH OF JESUS (EPH 2:14,15).***

How do we know that???

<p>Eph. 2:14-15 For he himself is our peace, who has <u>made the two one</u> and has <u>destroyed the barrier</u>, the dividing wall of hostility, by <u>abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations</u>. His purpose was to create in himself <u>one new man out of the two</u>, thus making peace,</p>		<p>Exactly What Did Jesus Do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destroyed the Barrier • Abolishing in his flesh • One new man out of the two • Our Sin separates us- God • The law-required death as the penalty • All Christians: (Messiah believing Jews and Gentiles) 	
<p>Deut.28:15 However, if you do not obey the Lord your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: (Also in DEU 28:25 DEU 28:32)</p>		<p>Deut. 28:33 A people that you do not know will eat what your land and labor produce, and you will have nothing but cruel oppression all your days.</p> <p>Deut. 28:37 You will become a thing of horror and an object of scorn and ridicule to all the nations where the Lord will drive you.</p>	

- ***Has this happened? Think of Hitler? Why is their anti-Semitism worldwide?***

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ARE PART OF THE COVENANT (PLUS 360 MORE- EXODUS 20).

- ***By JESUS day the religious leaders had added enough to be almost 1,000!***

What was the purpose of the law?

Romans 3:20

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

*Once we know that something is wrong, we are then on the hook to choose to **Not** do it or **rebel** and continue to do it.*

*For some reason, we have a tendency to **Major** in the Law of the Old Testament and not what the Bible Says about the Law **AFTER** Jesus came.*

We major in the THOU SHALT NOT ...

Here is also what the Bible Says about the Law

Romans 4:15

because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

Romans 5:13

for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law.

Answers to big questions?

- Where did Cain get his wife?
- *Answer: his sister*
- It was not yet against God's law. With a perfect gene pool the problems of incest wouldn't show up for a about 3,000 years.

What about the natives in some isolated areas of the world?

- God is fair, just and merciful
- According to the Bible "*sin is not taken into account when there is no law*"
- God will not hold them accountable for what they don't know
- *However...*

They are still on the hook...

Psalms 19:1

"... the heavens declare the Glory of God."

They are still on the hook...

Romans 1:19-20

...For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Acts 4:10-12 (NIV)

then know this, you and all the people of Israel: **It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.** [11] He is

"the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone."

[12] **Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."**

Illustration: Man in China.

There were two young missionaries in China who one day passed an old man on the side of the road. Sensing that they should stop and talk to him about Jesus, they never the less continued on their way. Both were stricken with the conviction to speak with him so they made a deal with God.

If he was still there when they returned, they would stop and tell him about Jesus (note: telling people about Jesus is a capital offense in communist China). Sure enough, when they returned the man was still there, so they stopped and through their translator told him about Jesus. The old man started to cry and then thanked the missionaries for telling him.

He said ***"I have worshiped Him my whole life, I just never knew His Name"***.

DON'T READ BUT BE AWARE OF!!!!

The question has been raised concerning the above verses: They actually might be better off if we don't go and tell them about Jesus.

The answer to this is the following:

- Jesus himself told us to go into all the world and preach the gospel (Matthew 28:19)
- This world presently belongs to Satan, who has and will do everything to blind the eyes of all who live in this world (Luke 4:5, John 12:31 , John 14:30, John 16:11)
- The reality is that very few people will resist the peer pressure of their society and chose to worship a God they do not even know his name, nor that has been revealed to them.

<p>Why have a set of Laws?</p> <p>Your God is... whom you obey!</p> <p><i>Galatians 3:19</i></p> <p>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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who is the seed?• What is a mediator?• According to this verse, Man was to be under the Law until the Seed or Messiah came!
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Big Word here!

Galatians 3: 25
 Before 23-this faith came, we were held **prisoners** by the law, **locked up** until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge *to lead us to Christ* that we might be **justified** by faith. Now that faith has come, *we are no longer under the supervision of the law.*

- Note: The word **Justified** can be thought of as: **Just As If I'd Never Sinned!**

The purpose of the law then and now is to point people to God!

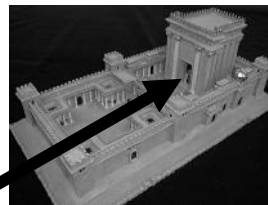
The law :

- **The Law convicts men of sin.** Unless you have a standard you will not know if you are in the wrong.
- **God's standard doesn't change... Man's law is a moving target.**

THE LAW:

- 10 commandments + 360 primarily dietary laws. - **By Jesus day these had become almost 1,000!** (story of Jesus spitting on the ground to heal the blind man.)
- The Ten Commandments *were fulfilled* at the cross **however...** Before you rejoice, **all but keeping the Sabbath are repeated in the New Testament.**
- In the OLD and NEW Testament we are told that the penalty for sin is DEATH. **But the NEW TESTAMENT declares something INCREDIBLE.**

Romans 8:1
 Therefore, there is now *no condemnation* for those who are in Christ Jesus.



The Temple

The Levitical System – Priests and Sacrifices

- **Holy of Holies** only the high priest could enter 1 day a year ONLY on the **Day of Atonement** and he must be sprinkling blood!

- This is where the Jewish people found out if the **if** under the Mosaic covenant the nation of Israel would be found acceptable.
- Outside the Holy of Holies is **The Holy Place** (only priests were allowed, the sacrifices were done here).
- **Outer Court** where any Jew could go (women and children and Godfearers or Gentiles)

LEV. 1.... IF YOU UNDERSTAND THIS CHAPTER YOU WILL HAVE THE THEME OF THE BIBLE UNDERSTOOD!!!

- It is the window through which we can look and understand the bible.

There were 5 sacrifices that are offered on the brazen altar by the priest (burnt, grain, peace, sin, trespass offering).

<p>Leviticus 1:1-3 The Lord called to Moses and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting. He said, [2] "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: "When any of you brings an offering to the Lord, bring as your offering an animal from either the herd or the flock. [3] " If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he is to <u>offer a male without defect</u>. He must present it at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting so that it will be acceptable to the Lord.</p>	<p>Why only your best? Humans would cull their flock!</p>
	<p>OK, so why is this the key to the whole bible?</p>
	<p><u>Symbolically</u> they transferred their sin to the animal</p>

ILLUSTRATE IT!

This is how it had to be done:

- *When you would bring your sacrifice in to the Priest you would acknowledge your sin and then symbolically transfer it to the animal. You did this by placing your hand on the head of the animal and then laying your head alongside the animal. The priest would then reach under your animal and take the knife and draw it across your neck – **BUT HE WOULD NOT CUT!** As he passed the knife under the neck of the animal he would cut and the animal would die in your place.*
- ***If you had to do this each time you sinned you would definitely understand how vile your sin is to God. (Lev 1-4)***
- ***(Ironically, they could save up their sins against God and sacrifice them ONE time on Yom Kippur – THE DAY OF ATONEMENT)***

THIS IS THE KEY MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE.

- **The penalty for sin is Death!**

SO...In the Bible, was there a sacrifice....

- Who was a male,
- Who was perfect (had no sin),
- Who was brought before the temple,
- Was acceptable by God
- And sacrificed by spilling his blood??




Remember on the Day of Atonement, the high priest entered the Most Holy Place of [The Tabernacle](#) to offer ceremonial sacrifices for the forgiveness of the people (Hebrews 9:7). That Old Testament observance was a direct fore-picture of Jesus Christ, our High Priest (Hebrews 9:11), Who, after His Sacrifice, entered the very Throne Room of God The Father in heaven to make atonement for all humanity (Hebrews 9:11-12)

Q. WHAT DID THE TABERNACLE AND LATER TEMPLE LOOK LIKE...

A NICE STAINED GLASS AREA WITH PRETTY FLOWERS AT THE PULPIT????




NO...*It was a horrendous smelly place like stockyards and every day they offered their sacrifice and were mentally and physically reminded of how vile a group of people they were. Only because God called them by name "his people" was there any hope.*

<p>This symbolism is portrayed throughout the OT....</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 animal per person <u>covered</u> the sin of Adam and Eve. • 1 animal per family <u>covered</u> the mantle at the Passover. • 1 animal <u>covered</u> the entire nation of Israel - One day per year on The Day of Atonement. 		<p>1 Holy God, sacrificed on a cross <u>took away</u> the sins of the whole world - On one day in all of history!</p> 	
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This is why the NT writers wrote this way about Jesus....

<p>1 Cor. 5:7 Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast-- as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.</p> <p>Hebrews 10:4 because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.</p>		<p>1 Peter 1:18-19 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, [19] but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.</p>	
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JOHN THE BAPTIST CALLED JESUS

<p>John 1:29 <i>The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"</i></p> 		<p>Q. WHY DID JOHN THE BAPTIST CALL JESUS "THE LAMB OF GOD"</p> <p>A. HE WOULD BE THE <u>SUBSTITUTIONARY SACRIFICE</u> FOR YOU AND ME.</p> <p><u>THE ULTIMATE LAMB!</u></p>
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- We are ***sinner*** **by birth, by nature, by choice.** When we put our faith in Jesus we also **symbolically transfer our sins** to the "lamb of God".
- ***It is not enough to be found only forgiven because that implies only the sins of the past.***
- To be found ***righteous*** is to be **forever forgiven - blameless..**
- **HOW ARE WE FOUND ACCEPTABLE NOW IN GODS EYES?**

- **When we symbolically transfer our sin to the LAMB OF GOD, the righteousness of Jesus is also transferred to us. God calls us righteous, blameless and forever forgiven or JUSTIFIED!**

Q. OK, does going to church make you acceptable? How about being really good? How about giving lots of money to the church? NO NO NO

- For some this is a miraculous occurrence, for other it is a gradual acceptance, but in God's eyes the only question to be settled is where you are on this subject. It is not important whether you have a great story to tell about this decision, ***it is only important that you have made this decision.***

A non-decision is still a decision – it is a decisions to stay right where you are...Which is?

- **Already separated from God.**

IF you die in this state you will get your wish FOREVER – YOU WILL BE FOREVER SEPERATED FROM GOD!

TODAY...AFTER CHRIST-WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR OUR ACCEPTANCE BY GOD?

There are 3 possible opinions... And only one is correct!

#1

<p><i>THE LAW:</i></p> <p>Man is responsible (by working, being religious) to make himself acceptable to God. You are acceptable to God according to what you do...</p>	<p>Jesus was asked by his Jewish disciples who were "doing the Law" this question ...</p>
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What is the WORK of God?

John 6:28,29

"The work of God is this 'believe in the one he has sent'".

PERIOD!

#2

GRACE:

God is responsible to make us acceptable, by a gift In order for this to be grace, man cannot contribute to this in any way or we would have an ... "If"

Ephes. 2:8-9

For it is by *grace* you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- *not by works*, so that no one can boast.

#3

- The last one was so prevalent **AND STILL IS** ...that Paul wrote a whole book (Galations) to the people in Galatia who were trying to live this way.
- The "religious leaders" would say
- ***you accept Jesus and then you must live like a Jew – keeping the Law.***
- It is called....

GALATIONISM:

... summed up as "God's grace has made it possible for man to work his way into acceptance"-- or "God loves unconditionally-- "if"

...we keep his rules.

How can you WORK for a free gift?





- **Dog in the City:** *locked up, fenced in – the minute he can run he does. (Picture of the LAW).*
- **Dog in the country:** *can go wherever he wants – not fenced in. Where do you find him? Close to his master on the back porch. (Picture of GRACE).*

RELIGION locks people up – RELATIONSHIP frees them!

If you have been hurt by the church – you saw RELIGION!

So what does the Bible really say?

Galatians 3:13-14
 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."
 [14] He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Romans 5:18-20
 Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men.
 [19] For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.
 [20] The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,

Of the three possible answers which is correct?

- The Law
- Galationism
- Grace

GRACE!

King Ranch Not King James

- Cowboy's Ten Commandments posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Fairlie, Texas.
 - (1) Just one God.
 - (2) Honor yer Ma & Pa.
 - (3) No telling tales or gossipin'.
 - (4) Git yourself to Sunday meeting.
 - (5) Put nothin' before God.
 - (6) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal.
 - (7) No killin'.
 - (8) Watch yer mouth.
 - (9) Don't take what ain't yers.
 - (10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff

II. 950 BC THE DAVIDIC COVENANT (THE #2 MOST IMPORTANT COVENANT TO THE JEW)

- *It is also the answer to the question "How did the Jews miss it"????*
- The Davidic Covenant has to do with Israel's **King and HIS Kingdom.**
- **It is eternal, literal and unconditional.**

<p align="center">2 Samuel 7:8 "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel.</p>		<p align="center">2 Samuel 7:11-13 " 'The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: [12] When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. [13] He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.</p>	
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- **WHO IS THIS? Jesus the Messiah**
- The great hope of Israel, this Descendant (the Messiah) **will establish a throne or kingdom forever.**
- *Every time Israel was in trouble they Remembered this promise ...*

The Star of David is the LITERAL symbol of this Covenant!

<p>Davidic Covenant</p>  <p align="center">The Star of David is the Symbol of the Davidic Covenant!</p>		<p>We have seen this a lot lately on the News</p>
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Jesus is called in the New Testament the "Son of David".


- This literally meant he was the King, the Descendant, and quite possibly the Messiah.

- We don't understand this from a Gentile perspective but from the Jewish perspective this was the most important factor.
- **Was his genealogy correct?**
- This is why the bible has all these "**begets**" in it. Remember the census at Christ's birth. **Mary and Joseph were of "the house and lineage of David."**
- ***HERE'S THE DILEMMA: THERE WERE TWO PROPHECIES CONCERNING THE MESSIAH!***

He was to be ...

<p>A CONQUERING MESSIAH</p> <p>Isaiah 9:6-7 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.</p>	<p>[7] Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.</p>
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And he was to be ...

<p>A SUFFERING MESSIAH</p> <p>Isaiah 53:1-12 Excerpted</p> <p>Written 700 years before Jesus Christ!</p> 	<p>Isaiah 52:13-15</p> <p>"...At first everyone was appalled. <u>He didn't even look human— a ruined face, disfigured past recognition.</u></p> <p>Nations all over the world will be in awe, taken aback, kings shocked into silence when they see him. For what was unheard of they'll see with their own eyes, what was unthinkable they'll have right before them."</p>
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Look for clues as to how to recognize the Messiah from these verses.

Isaiah 53:1-12

Who believes what we've heard and seen? Who would have thought God's saving power would look like this? The servant grew up before God—a scrawny seedling, a scrubby plant in a parched field.

There was nothing attractive about him, nothing to cause us to take a second look. He was looked down on and passed over, a man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand.

One look at him and people turned away. We looked down on him, thought he was scum. But the fact is, it was our pains he carried—our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us.

Isaiah 53:1-12

He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we got healed. We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing, gone our own way. And God has piled all our sins, everything we've done wrong, on him.

He was beaten, he was tortured, but he didn't say a word. Like a lamb taken to be slaughtered and like a sheep being sheared, he took it all in silence.

Justice miscarried, and he was led off— and did anyone really know what was happening? He died without a thought for his own welfare, beaten bloody for the sins of my people.

Isaiah 53:1-12

They buried him with the wicked, threw him in a grave with a rich man. Even though he'd never hurt a soul or said one word that wasn't true.

Still, it's what God had in mind all along, to crush him with pain. The plan was that he give himself as an offering for sin so that he'd see life come from it—life, life, and more life. And God's plan will deeply prosper through him.

Out of that terrible travail of soul, hell see that it's worth it and be glad he did it. Through what he experienced, my righteous one, my servant, will make many "righteous ones," as he himself carries the burden of their sins.

Therefore I'll reward him extravagantly—the best of everything, the highest honors. Because he looked death in the face and didn't flinch, because he embraced the company of the lowest. He took on his own shoulders the sin of the many, he took up the cause of all the black sheep.

The penalty of sin will be paid!

A SUFFERING MESSIAH

Psalm 22:1-31 excerpted



Psalm 22:1-31 (excerpted)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
6But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by men and despised by the people.
7All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

Where have we heard this ?

8"He trusts in the Lord; let the Lord rescue him. Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

14I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted away within me.

15My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. 16Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet.

17I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. 18They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.

Written 1400
years BEFORE
Jesus Christ
and 900 years
before
Crucifixion was
invented!



- **THE DILEMMA: *HOW CAN YOU BE AN ETERNAL KING AND DIE?***

- The Jews could not get it through their heads that both would be one Messiah (neither did the disciples), **but with missions that were totally separate.**

In fact, the prophecies were so specific regarding the Messiah that the Jews all knew that the arrival of Messiah was imminent during Jesus' day.

- *But since they were under the oppression of the Romans, they (in their hearts) wanted the Conquering Messiah first.*
- *So, when Jesus arrived they refused to believe he was the one. Even though he was known to be of the "**house and lineage of David**".*
- ***Jesus entered Jerusalem exactly to the day fulfilling the prophecy of the Suffering Messiah in Daniel 9:24 (we'll see this next week)***
- Today of course, we know that Christ fulfilled the "**Suffering Messiah**" prophecy in his first coming.
- He will fulfill the "**Conquering Messiah**" prophecy at his Second Coming.

There is only one way he could fulfill BOTH prophecies: **THE ONLY WAY HE COULD SUFFER AND DIE AND STILL BE ETERNAL IS IF HE IS**

- ***TRULY GOD AND COULD RISE FROM THE DEAD.***

The last covenant from the OT is:

600 BC THE NEW COVENANT (Very Interesting It Is Given In The OT But Fulfilled In The NT.)

- In the book of Jeremiah, Jeremiah is asking God "WHAT ABOUT THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT (as Jerusalem is being overrun)... *YOU KNOW that LAND FOREVER?*"

GOD SAYS A NEW COVENANT WILL BE IN EFFECT.

<p><i>Jeremiah 31:31-34</i> "The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when <i>I will make a new covenant</i> with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.</p>	A Future Event	<p>[32] It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">declares the Lord.</p>
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<p>[33] "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. <u>I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.</u> I will be their God, and they will be my people.</p>	<p>[34] No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">declares the Lord.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The New Covenant is different-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Law written on their minds and on their hearts (not on stone tablets) ◆ Sins forgiven - not covered up ◆ Cleansing - Forever clean ◆ Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
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How will God write his Law on our hearts? By the Holy Spirit!

JESUS REFERRED TO THIS INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE STORY OF NICODEMOUS...

<p style="text-align: center;">John 3:3-7 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." [4] "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!"</p>	<p>[5] Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. [6] Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. [7] You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'</p>
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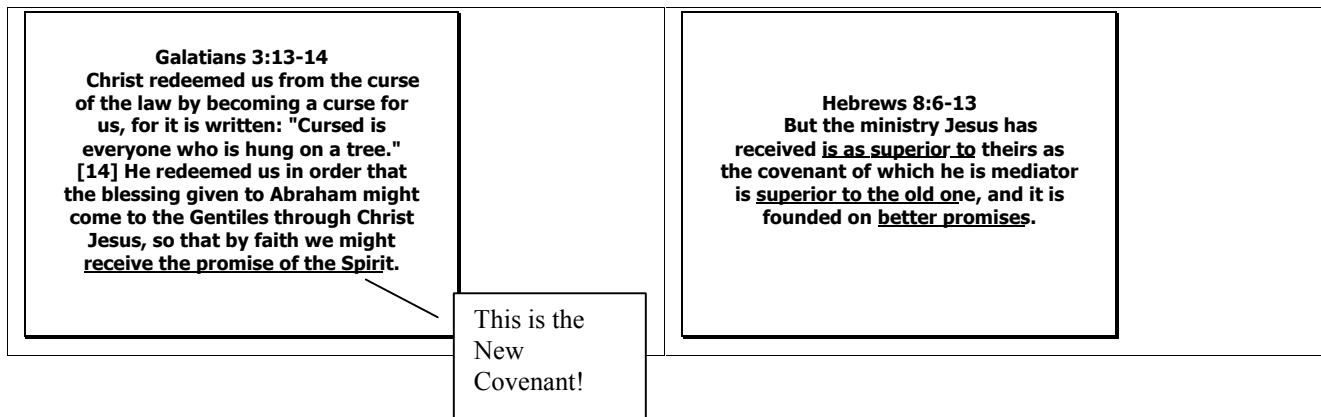
This is the only place that Jesus says "You must be born again", everywhere else it's "Follow me".

- *The reason: Jesus was addressing Nicodemus, a Pharisee, A Jewish religious leader and one who would know the **"New Covenant"** as prophesied in the Old Testament!*
- [to be a Pharisee, you had to have memorized the first 5 books of the Torah! – minimum. Nicodemus is called the "Teacher of Israel – indicating his position at the top of the Religious food chain!]
- **Water** – symbolic of physical birth (symbolized by a woman's "breaking water" at childbirth. This is the **"Flesh gives birth to flesh"**).

Note: Some people want to say that this is WATER BAPTISM...but it does not refer to that. Baptism is a symbol of OBEDIENCE that DOES NOT save you but signifies PUBLICLY that you are a Christ Follower.

- **Spirit** – *Your spirit is born dead because we are born separated from God – **SINNERS BY BIRTH** – born into a world run by Satan!*
- *The Holy Spirit gives us **new life** or **rebirth** and our spirit's now are **reborn** and made alive **through our choice or conscious decision to accept Jesus as our Savior**. The Holy **"Spirit gives birth to [our dead] Spirit"**.*

SO LET'S BE SURE THAT THE NEW COVENANT IS IN AFFECT AND THE OLD COVENANT (the Law) IS DONE AWAY WITH?



[7] For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. [8] But God found fault with the people and said:
 "The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah....

[Vs. 9 - 12 are exact repeat of the New Covenant in Jeremiah]

[13] By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.

If the Bible says that Jesus set aside the first Covenant (the Law) to establish the second....

Why do we humans continually try to go against God's word by trying to re-establish the LAW as the condition of our salvation?

Remember - this is SALVATION NOT how to live the Christian life

For that just read the book of Ephesians

When we celebrate communion, we celebrate the fact that Jesus " SET ASIDE THE FIRST COVENANT" and " ESTABLISHED THE SECOND" the "New Covenant:

Jesus Himself Inaugurates The New Covenant

Luke 22:19-20

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the New Covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.



THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO SEE!!!!

- Jesus himself tells us that he is inaugurating the **NEW COVENANT**.
- Essentially he says:

" This cup symbolizes that the old is about to go away. The New Covenant prophesied by Jeremiah is about to begin."

The minute Jesus dies the “Old Covenant” is done away with and we are now under the New Covenant!

- Why?
- The penalty for sin is now paid!
- Our sins can now be forgiven FOREVER!

So here is a big question?

<p>What about doing good stuff?</p> <p><small>Isaiah 64:6</small></p> <p>All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags*; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.</p>	<p>*Hebrew 5749 (‘uwd)]; the menstrual flux; by implication (in plural) soiling :- filthy. Strongs Concordance</p> <p>And these are your GOOD DEEDS!</p>
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So we see that being GOOD offers absolutely NO HOPE OF GOING TO HEAVEN!

What is the basis of our acceptance and salvation by God - Today?

- Our acceptance/salvation today **is based on what Jesus did** (not what we do)
- **Our assurance** that our acceptance has happened is the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.
- **Our good works** (that count) are the ones **that we let the Holy Spirit do through us.**

<p>Col. 2:13-23</p> <p>When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, [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. [15] And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.</p>	<p>[16] Therefore let anyone do not judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. [17] These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. [18] Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize.</p>	<p>Don't let this happen.</p>
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Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions. [19] He has lost connection with the Head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow. [20] Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules:

Ever notice how people who want you to think they are really good have a tendency to tell you!

[21] "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? [22] These are all destined to perish with use, because they are based on human commands and teachings. [23] Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, *but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.*

Illustration: My not Drinking Alcohol example of "written on your heart"

Galatians 5:18



But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

To be led by the Spirit is to be under the New Covenant!

Still think we have to keep the law to go to heaven?

James 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

Galatians 5:6

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Circumcision was a requirement of the JEWISH LAW. It was a "work" that the Galatians were requiring AFTER conversion to accepting Jesus as the Messiah.

They were saying **accept Jesus** and then **become a Jew!**

BUT THE BIBLE SAYS THAT THE LAW IS NOW OBSOLETE!!!

Romans 10:4

Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

- *Under the Law our motivation is to not to get thrown out of heaven*
- *The Law is based on CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE!*
- *" IF" I do good, God will accept me.*

Under the New Covenant we are accepted because of what Jesus did.

What is our motivation under the New Covenant?



Our New Motivation

Let's let Jesus himself tell us about this new motivation:

John 14:23

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."

How do Jesus and the Father make their home with him? The Holy Spirit!

Matthew 22:36-39

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" [37] Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

The New Covenant

- **Jesus has signed his part of the contract - HOW?**
- **IN BLOOD!**
- *The other part is up to you...Have you made the choice?*



Summing up the Old Testament

- God has a plan - to totally redeem his people through Jesus the Messiah
- Covenants are contracts - Promises by God
- The struggle between Satan and God is allowed by God for the purpose of totally redeeming his people

Summing up the Old Testament

- God hates sin but loves the sinner
- Faith and only faith saves you. Doing the law does not. The law however has a purpose; to point us to God!

We'll look at things like:

- **Did Jesus really live**
- **Are their references to Jesus OTHER than the Bible**
- **The three things you ABSOLUTELY have to know from the Bible**