

“For They Shall All Know Me”

Developing a New Covenant Relationship with God

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Lesson 8. I Will Make a New Covenant



God wants a relationship with people

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Goals

- Understand what the New Covenant is
- Examine why the New Covenant was needed
- Assess how God's relationship with His people changed from the Old to the New Covenants

The New Covenant vs. the Old

Jer. 31:31-34

I will put my law within them genuine obedience

I will write it on their hearts inward commitment

I will be their God a new focus

they shall be my people it's no longer physical Israel

...they shall all know me faith not genealogy

from the least to the greatest there's no distinctions

I will forgive their iniquities more than overlooking sins

The New Covenant according to Jesus

Luke 22:14-23



- ▶ New Covenant = Kingdom of God
- ▶ Payment made with Jesus' body.
- ▶ Signed with Jesus' blood

The New Covenant according to Ephesians

Eph. 2



- ▶ Life with the Messiah (1-4)
- ▶ Salvation by grace through faith (5-10)
- ▶ The end of the Old Covenant (15)
- ▶ God's Holy Sanctuary (19-21)

The New Covenant according to Hebrews

Heb. 10



- ▶ Jesus' sacrifice is once for all (10)
- ▶ Jesus' sacrifice sanctifies forever (12)
- ▶ Jesus' enemies not punished... *yet* (13)

The New Covenant according to II Corinthians

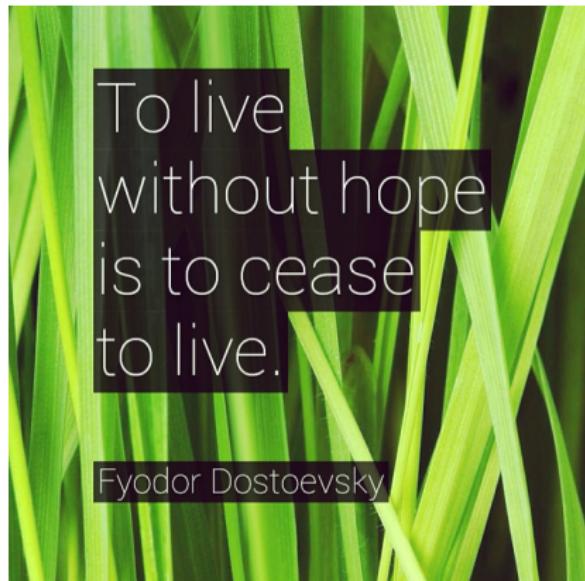
II Cor. 3:7-18



The New Covenant is
more glorious than the
Old.

We were dead with no chance for life

Eph 2.



- ▶ We were dead in sins (1-9)
- ▶ We are Gentiles in the flesh(11-21)

Animal sacrifices are insufficient

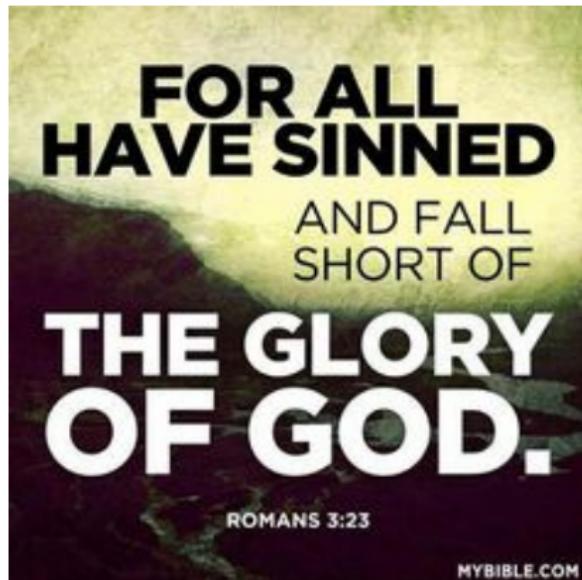
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- ▶ The Law cannot perfect the worshipers (1-2)
- ▶ The sacrifices can't really take away sins (3-4)
- ▶ God doesn't really want animal sacrifice and offering...
- ▶ He wants a human offering (5-7)

All Israel needs to be saved

Romans 11:25-32



- ▶ Everyone had to be consigned to disobedience
- ▶ So, a partial hardening came on Israel
- ▶ Until the Gentiles came in
- ▶ Christians are now the new Israel

We've been brought near to God

Eph 2



- ▶ A seat in the heavens (6)
- ▶ Access to the Father (18)
- ▶ A member of God's household (19)

We've been perfected

Heb. 10:1-18



- ▶ Jesus has sat down at the right hand of God
- ▶ He's perfected forevermore those who are sanctified
- ▶ No longer a need for an offering

God can have mercy on all

Rom 11:32



We've been set free

II Cor. 3:7-18



I will make a new covenant

- ▶ The New Covenant is...
 - ▶ salvation by grace through faith
 - ▶ the forgiveness of sins
 - ▶ the kingdom
 - ▶ paid for by Jesus' sacrifice once for all
 - ▶ the end of the Old Covenant
- ▶ The New Covenant was needed because...
 - ▶ we were all dead in sin.
 - ▶ we were Gentiles without hope.
 - ▶ animal sacrifices were insufficient
- ▶ The New Covenant changed things by...
 - ▶ bringing mercy for all
 - ▶ making us members of God's house
 - ▶ perfecting us forever