

## The New Covenant - Part 3

### Benefits of the New Covenant and Christ the Perfect Sacrifice Took Our Punishment (Old Covenant Mind Set vs. New Covenant Mind Set)

#### 1. A brief recap from our last meeting.

- a) *Last meeting, we talked about Christ being the “propitiation” for our sins. He took our place; He took our punishment.*

*We also talked about Old and New Covenant mind sets:*

- b) Old Covenant mind set: {Sin conscious} [keeping the law]  
Guilt, condemnation, shame, fear > Right where Satan wants us to stay.
- c) New Covenant mind set {God conscious} [walking in newness of life]  
Abundant life, joy, peace, right with God > Right where God wants us to stay.

#### 2. The New Covenant (Let's dive in deep and see how wonderful it is)

- a) *Last meeting we discussed what the New Covenant is and we went through old covenant prophecies about the new covenant that was to come through Jesus Christ and we started to talk about Christ being our high priest.*

I wanted to back up and read this again: **Christ is our High Priest Heb. 4:14-16.**

- b) Now let's dive into Christ being our High Priest and what that means.

#### 3. The Priesthood of Jesus Is Superior to The Old Testament Law

- a) **Heb. 6:16-7:28, 8:6-13** (*Jesus is like Melchizedek*) – (see comm. on **Heb. 7:18** below)
- b) **Heb. 6:16-7:28** – God has given a promise and an oath, these two things are unchangeable! We who believe in Christ and have fled to Him for refuge have a strong and trustworthy hope that leads us through the curtain into the inner sanctuary. (AMPC) ..this hope... “it cannot slip and it cannot break down under whoever steps out upon it.” ..The priesthood of Jesus. There is much to study here in regards to Jesus being like Melchizedek.
- c) **Heb. 8:6-13** – Jesus Christ is our high priest. What does this mean? Jesus who is our high priest has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood. He is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God based on better promises. Dig into this and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the importance of this to you.

#### 4. Christ Is the Perfect Sacrifice

- a) **Heb. 9:11-15, 20-28, 10:1-18** (*Christ is the perfect sacrifice once and for all. Through His blood He has made salvation “available” to all. All who believe in Him will be saved. He made a way through the cross!*)
- b) **Heb. 9:11-15** – Christ is the perfect sacrifice. He entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever! **Heb. 9:11-15** is all about His blood and what that means for those who believe in Him!

- c) **Heb. 9:20-28** – continues on the importance of the blood of Christ, of His perfect sacrifice. Note in vs. 28 “so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.” – The author of Hebrews here uses the word “many” instead of “all”. ...to take away the sins of “many” people. He did not say “all” people. That is because you have to “believe” in Christ to “receive” this salvation. Your sins are not taken away if you do not believe in Christ.
- d) **Heb. 10:1-8** – Christ’s sacrifice once for all. ...” But our high priest offered Himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time... as opposed to the old system, the old covenant of sacrifices over and over and over again.

**To be continued....** next meeting, we will dive into the free gift of salvation through faith and our union with Christ as a result.

### **Homework:**

**Rom. 8:5-6 (NKJV)** What are you setting your mind on? - full context: **Rom. 8:1-17**. Note: when reading this remember that Paul is talking to believers and also believers who are going through persecution because of their faith in Christ.

**1 Jn. 4:18 (NLT)** Perfect love expels all fear.

Full context (Loving One Another) **1 Jn. 7-21**.

**Heb. 7:18 (AMP)** "For, on the one hand, a former commandment is cancelled because of its weakness and uselessness [because of its inability to justify the sinner before God]"

**Heb. 7:18** commentary from Bibleref.com does a great job explaining this:

<https://www.bibleref.com/Hebrews/7/Hebrews-7-18.html>

*Read through the commentary and all the Bible references noted in the commentary.*

## Below is a handy side by side comparison of Old Covenant vs. New Covenant

Aspect	Old Covenant (Old Testament Focus)	New Covenant (New Testament Focus)
<b>Primary Mindset</b>	Sin-conscious: constant awareness and reminder of sin and failure to keep the law perfectly	God-conscious / Righteousness-conscious: awareness of God's forgiveness, acceptance, and imparted righteousness
<b>Core Requirement</b>	Keeping the Law (Torah obedience and animal sacrifices) to maintain right standing	Walking in newness of life by grace through faith in Christ's finished work
<b>Emotional / Spiritual State</b>	Guilt, condemnation, shame, and fear — exactly where Satan wants believers to remain trapped	Abundant life, joy, peace, right with God: living in the reality of full acceptance and sonship
<b>How Sin is Handled</b>	Repeated animal sacrifices that covered sin temporarily but served as an annual reminder of sin (could never remove it permanently)	Christ's once-for-all sacrifice that completely removes sin and cleanses the conscience once for all
<b>Access to God</b>	Mediated through priests, temple, and rituals; fear and distance at Sinai (people trembled and asked Moses to speak for them)	Direct, bold access to God's presence through Jesus; no veil, no fear
<b>Justification &amp; Salvation</b>	Attempted through perfect obedience to the Law and sacrificial system (impossible for fallen humans; brings curse if not perfectly kept)	By grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone — the new way of faith revealed in the New Testament; salvation is found in no one else

**Key Bible  
Passages**

- Hebrews 10:1-4 (law was a shadow; sacrifices reminded people of sins year after year) •
- Romans 3:20 (by works of the law no one is justified) • Romans 7:24 ("O wretched man that I am!") • Exodus 20:18-19 (people afraid at Sinai) •
- Galatians 3:10 (cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things written in the law) •
- Galatians 3:11 (no one is justified before God by the law)
- Romans 6:4 (walk in newness of life) • Romans 8:1 (no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus) •
- Hebrews 10:16-17 (sins remembered no more) •
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 (we become the righteousness of God in Him) • Hebrews 10:19-22 (boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus) • Romans 5:1 (peace with God through justification by faith) • 1 John 4:18 (perfect love casts out fear) •
- Ephesians 2:8-9 (saved by grace through faith, not works) • Galatians 2:16 (justified by faith in Christ, not works of the law) • Galatians 2:20 (I live by faith in the Son of God) • Galatians 3:24-25 (law was guardian until Christ came, that we might be justified by faith; now faith has come) •
- Acts 4:12 (salvation in no one else) • John 14:6 (Jesus: "I am the way, the truth, and the life")