

The Better Covenant

Premise: The new covenant of which Christ is Mediator is a superior covenant. **HEB 7:22; 8:6.**

- A. This covenant is made with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. **HEB 8:8.**
1. It embraces God's elect of all nations, Jew or Gentile.
ROM 9:8; GAL 3:29; ROM 2:28-29.
 2. Elect Gentiles are in Christ graft into the covenantal blessings of Israel and Judah.
ROM 11:17; EPH 2:12-13.
- B. By His superior priestly ministry, Christ is the mediator of this better covenant.
1. This covenant is mediated by an unchanging ministry upheld by the oath of God.
HEB 7:20-24.
 2. God's immutable oath makes Christ the *surety* (guarantor) of this covenant.
 - a. There will ALWAYS be One to hold the two parties of this covenant together!
 - b. God's oath guarantees there will be NO breach of contract. **ROM 11:29.**
 3. God's oath and covenant provide His saints with strong consolation in the storms and strifes of life. **HEB 6:17-19.**
 - a. Under the old covenant, an offender might not have a sure refuge at the horns of the altar that was *without the veil*. **EXO 21:14; 1KI 2:28-29.**
 - b. Those who flee to Christ for refuge have a sure and steadfast hope *within the veil*.
 4. Christ put this covenant into force by His death. **HEB 9:15-23; 1CO 11:25.**
 5. Christ has thus taken away the first or old covenant/testament and established the second or new covenant/testament. **HEB 8:13; 10:9.**
 6. Only the last will and testament is in effect upon the death of the testator. A former testament is abrogated by the latest.
 - a. All promises of a return to the land for Israel are O.T. promises.
 - b. The O.T. has been abolished. **2CO 3:13.**
 - c. The hope of Israel and Judah under the New Testament/Covenant is not a return to the land, but a *turn to the Lord*. **2CO 3:14-16.**
- C. The promises of the new covenant are better. **HEB 8:6-13.**
1. The old covenant was "do and ye shall live." **ROM 10:5.**
 2. The new covenant grants us life first. Then we may do. **1JO 2:29; 3:14; EPH 2:10.**
 3. The new covenant puts the laws into our inward parts and so gives us a disposition to obey God. **2CO 3:3; ROM 7:22; EZE 11:19-20.**
 4. The new covenant grants to all of the elect a knowledge of God without human instruction. **JOH 6:45; MAT 16:17.**
 - a. The regenerate nature is renewed in knowledge. **COL 3:10-11.**
 - b. The outward ministry of the word brings this inward teaching to manifestation. **2CO 3:1-3; 2TI 1:10.**
 - c. The spirit within God's sons can then *with understanding* cry, "...Abba, Father" (**GAL 4:6**).
 5. The new covenant secures ETERNAL forgiveness, something the old covenant could never do. **GAL 3:10; ROM 8:3-4.**
- D. The administration of the new covenant is better. **2CO 3:7-11.**
- E. Obedience to God's commandments gives us assurance of being in the new covenant since the covenant grants the ability to obey God. **1JO 3:18-19, 23-24.**
- F. Those not in the new covenant are forever doomed. **GAL 4:28-30; 2TH 1:7-9.**
- G. The new covenant system of worship is better.

1. We have access into the holiest of all in heaven, the place of communion with God. **HEB 10:19-22.**
 2. At Sinai, where the old testament was given, Israel could not touch the earthly mount where God and the angels were. **HEB 12:18-21; EXO 19:10-13; ACT 7:53.**
 - a. Under the new testament we come unto God and the angels in the heavenly mount. **HEB 12:22-24.**
 - b. Jesus, the Mediator of the new testament, brings together God, the angels, and all the elect. **COL 1:20.**
 - c. The angels and the redeemed are now brethren and fellow-servants, members of a common family. **REV 19:10; EPH 3:14-15.**
 - d. They are associated together in obeying the Scriptures. **REV 22:9.**
 - e. They are united together in worshipping the Lamb of God. **REV 5:8-14.**
 3. Instead of the terror of Sinai, we come unto the blood that calls for peace and pardon instead of vengeance. **GEN 4:10.**
 - a. Abel's blood cried unto God from the earth.
 - b. Christ's blood speaks for us in heaven!
- H. Such are the glories of “...a better covenant which was established upon better promises” (**HEB 8:6**).