

Calvary Bible Institute

JESUS; MEDIATOR OF THE NEW COVENANT

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Study #1: What are the New and Old Covenants?

I. Introduction:

Personal Testimony in the New Covenant :

Course Outline

What this course is:

The study of God's covenant plan of salvation and sanctification through Jesus from Genesis to Revelation. The emphasis will be on the New Covenant (which is of grace) but will also compare and contrast the Old Covenant (which is of law).

What this course is not:

This class is not Covenant Theology, Calvinism, "automatic sanctification" or any type of grace for license to sin. Much of the church world has stayed away from teaching the New Covenant because it is not easily understood. This is why we are so excited to teach this amazing life changing truth to you this semester at CBI.

II. The New Covenant: To Israel Eventually; but to the Church Now

Jer 31:31-34 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah --

Heb 8:7-13 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.

Heb 10:16-18 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"

2 Cor 3:5-6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

III. New Covenant as a Covenant of Grace

John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, **full of grace and truth.**

16 And of His fullness we have all received, **and grace for grace.**

17 For **the law** was given through Moses, **but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

Titus 2:11 For the **grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,** **12 teaching us** that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

IV. New Covenant as the Blood Covenant Inaugurated at the Cross

1 Cor 11:25-26 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Luke 22:20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.

Heb 13:20-21 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,...

V. What is the Old Covenant? What is It's Message?

To know the NC, the Bible gives contrasts as to what it is not. The OC of law stands in stark contrast to the NC of grace. The NC is characterized by love, mercy, grace and forgiveness, where the OC is characterized by legalism, harshness, coldness, judgmental, competition, pride, self-confidence, self-sufficiency.

Deut 9:9-11 When I went up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights...

Ex 19:5 Now therefore, **if** you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, **then** you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

Acts 7:51-53 "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; **as your fathers did, so do you.**

Lev 19:1-4; 2 "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: **'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.**

1 Peter 1:15 but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 because it is written, **"Be holy, for I am holy."**

VI. OC Shadows in the NC

Lev 19:18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but **you shall love** your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

James 2:8 If you really fulfill **the royal law** according to the Scripture, **"You shall love** your neighbor as yourself," you do well;

Matt 22:36-40 "Teacher, which is **the great commandment in the law?"**

Rom 13:8-10 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for **he who loves another has fulfilled the law.**

Gal 5:13-14; 14 For **all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love** your neighbor as yourself."

Gal 5:22 But **the fruit of the Spirit is love**, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such **there is no law.**

VII. What is the Inability of the Old Covenant:

The law had no ability to love, have compassion, empathy, grace, mercy or intimacy with God. It is (not was) unloving condemning, cold, hard nosed teacher who you could never please. We were shackled and forced to sit in class. The New Covenant on the other hand is a loving, gracious, warm internal instructor that encourages us with instruction and individual assistance 24/7.

OC hope makes us draw off of our own resources for pleasing God.
NC hope draws believers near to God. Come to Me... Abide in Me... Follow Me...

Heb 7:18-19 For on the one hand there is an **annulling of the former commandment** because of its weakness and unprofitableness,
19 for **the law made nothing perfect**; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of **a better hope, through which we draw near to God.**

Matt 5:48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

Heb 8:7 For if that **first covenant** had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a **second**.
8 Because **finding fault with them**, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah --

Heb 10:19-22 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus

It Couldn't Save Us

Gal 2:16 knowing that a man is **not justified by the works of the law but by faith** in Jesus Christ, ...

Gal 3:11 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, "**the just shall live by faith.**"

Gal 3:2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive **the Spirit** by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

3 **Are you so foolish?** Having begun in **the Spirit**, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

It Couldn't Mature Us (to Christ likeness).

Col 2:6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, **so walk in Him,**

Rom 7:1-6; 6 But **now we have been delivered from the law**, having died to what we were held by, **so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.**

VIII. What is the Ability of the OC Law? Never to save...transform...or mature...

Rom 3:19-20 Now we know that whatever the law says, **it says to those who are under the law**, that **every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.**

Rom 7:5,7,13 For when we were in the flesh, **the sinful passions which were aroused by the law** were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.

Gal 3:24 Therefore **the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ**, that we might be justified by faith.
25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

1 Tim 1:8-10 But we know that **the law is good if one uses it lawfully,**

Gal 5:18 But **if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.**

What is the Fulfillment of the OC Law?

Matt 5:17-20 "Do not think that I came to destroy the **Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.**

Rom 10:4 For **Christ is the end of the law for righteousness** to everyone who believes.

2 Cor 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become **the righteousness of God in Him.**

Rom 3:21-24 But now the **righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed**, being witnessed by **the Law and the Prophets,**

Rom 8:2-4; 4 that **the righteous requirement of the law** might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Conclusion:

Gal 4:21 Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, **do you not hear the law?**

Homework Assignment #1:

1. In your own words define the New Covenant.
2. How would your life be transformed if you truly understood and walked in New Covenant grace?
3. In your own words define the law.
4. Explain why a believer is not under the law.

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Study #2: How Does the OC Correlate with the NC through the Scriptures?

When we use the word "Covenant" it is the same word that is used for "Testament". In other words, the Old Covenant law is contained in the Old Testament and the New Covenant of grace is contained in the New Testament. This is generally true, but we see men like David living New Covenant lives in the middle of the Old Testament.

I. The Shadows of the OC Becoming the Substance of the NC

Col 2:16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 **which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.**

Heb 9:1 Then indeed, **even the first covenant** had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary. 2 For a **tabernacle** was prepared: the first part, in which was the **lampstand**, the **table**, and the **showbread**, which is called the **sanctuary**; 3 and behind the **second veil**, the part of the **tabernacle** which is called **the Holiest of All**,

Heb 9:7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins **committed in ignorance**;

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brethren, **having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus**,

Heb 10:1 For the law, having a **shadow** of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, **make those who approach perfect.**

Heb 8:6 But now He has obtained **a more excellent ministry**, inasmuch as **He** is also **Mediator of a better covenant**, which was established on **better promises.**

II. Typologies

Typologies are a God ordained OT person, place, thing or event (type or shadow) which share a common relationship and becomes a NT reality or substance." Types mostly center on God's plan of redemption through the OT and points to the person of Christ in the New Testament. It is through types that the Lord brings a connection between the New and Old Testaments and New and Old Covenants.

The Greek word "tupos" is where we get the NT translation "type", "example" or "pattern". The word "type" can also understood by words like "model," "shadow," "resemblance","likeness," and "foreshadowing." Some avoid the subject of types altogether, others believe that types exist, but limited to specific Bible references i.e. 1 Cor 5:7 "Christ, who is our Passover." Others seem to classify types as anything the imagination can think up that does not bear any resemblance to anything else. We believe that the Bible is overflowing with types, but in Biblical interpretation and teaching we believe that we must have firm Biblical support to substantiate a given type.

III. The Veil as a Type

We can know the difference between walking in the NC or OC by the veils we wear. The veil in the Tabernacle was put up the separate sinful man from Holy God.

Matt 27:51 Then, behold, the **veil of the temple** was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,

Heb 6:19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence **behind the veil**,

Heb 10:20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, **through the veil**, that is, His flesh,

2 Cor 3:7 But if the ministry of death [**bondage**], written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel **could not look steadily at the face of Moses** because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,

13 **unlike Moses, who put a veil [separation and then bondage] over his face** so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away.

14 But their minds were blinded. For until this day **the same veil remains** unlifted in the reading of the **Old Testament [covenant]**, because **the veil [separation and bondage] is taken away in Christ**.

15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, **a veil lies on their heart**.

16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, **the veil [separation and bondage] is taken away**.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is [veil ripped away Heb 10:20], there is liberty.

18 But we all, **with unveiled face**, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from **Adam to Moses**, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a **type of Him who was to come**.

[Adam represents those born of the human race; Jesus those reborn into the spiritual race]

1 Cor 10:6 Now these things became our **examples**, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.

1 Cor 10:11 Now all these things happened to them as **examples**, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

[The Children of Israel is an example of believers in Christ i.e. entering into Canaan, the rest of God]

Heb 8:5 who serve the copy and shadow of the heavenly things, as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "See that you make all things according to the **pattern** shown you on the mountain."

[The tabernacle shares a likeness between different aspects of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ i.e. I Am the light of the world and the bread of life]

IV. Jesus makes continual reference of His being prefigured (the substance) in the OT:

Luke 24:27 And beginning at **Moses and all the Prophets**, He expounded to them in **all the Scriptures** the things **concerning Himself**.

30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

31 Then **their eyes were opened and they knew Him**; and He vanished from their sight.

32 And they said to one another, "Did not our **heart burn within us** while He talked with us on the road, and **while He opened the Scriptures to us?**"

John 5:39 "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and **these are they which testify of Me**.

John 5:40 "But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

Heb 10:7 Then I said, 'Behold, **I have come; In the volume of the book it is written of Me**; To do Your will, O God.'"

Matt 12:40 For **as Jonah was** three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, **so will the Son of Man be** three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah ; and **indeed a greater than Jonah is here.**

42 The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed **a greater than Solomon is here.**

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **before Abraham was, I AM.**"

Heb 9:11 But **Christ came as High Priest** of the good things to come, with the **greater and more perfect tabernacle** not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

12 **Not with** the blood of goats and calves, **but with** His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

MOSES: An Example of a Type of Christ;

Deu 18:18 'I will raise up for them **a Prophet like you** from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.

Acts 3:22 'For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you **a Prophet** like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.

23 'And it shall be that every soul who will not hear **that Prophet** shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

24 "Yes, and **all the prophets**, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also **foretold these days.** [Peter, speaking of Jesus]

John 6:49 **Your fathers ate the manna** in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 This is **the bread** which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

51 **I am the living bread which came down from heaven.** If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

John 3:14 And **as Moses** lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, **even so must the Son** of Man be lifted up,

THE PASSOVER LAMB: the OT type and the NT substance:

The OT type; the Passover lamb

Exo 12:5 'Your **lamb shall be without blemish, a male** of the first year. You may **take it from the sheep or from the goats.**

6 'Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then **the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight.**

7 'And they shall **take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts** and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

13 'Now **the blood shall be a sign for you** on the houses where you are. And **when I see the blood, I will pass over you;** and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

14 'So this day shall be to you **a memorial;** and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as **a feast by an everlasting ordinance.**

21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the **Passover lamb.**

The NT substance; Jesus

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; **He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.**

John 1:29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "**Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**

1 Cor 5:7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For **indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.**

Heb 9:12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, **but with His own blood** He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Heb 10:4 For it is not possible **that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.**

Rev 5:6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood **a Lamb as though it had been slain**, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

V. PLACES AND THINGS AS TYPES:

1. The tabernacle (shadow of Christ in heaven)..... Heb.8:2,5;9:9-12,23-24;Acts 7:44
2. The Word of God (sword of the spirit)..... Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12
3. Offerings and sacrifices (shadow of the cross)..... Heb. 9:13-14, 10:14, 13:15
4. Blood (new covenant redemption).....Matt. 26:28; Heb.9:22, 10:4
5. Lamb of God (Jesus)..... Jn. 1:29; Acts 8:32-35; Rev. 5:6, 13
6. The law (God's holy standards; a tutor to Christ).....Heb. 10:1; Gal. 3:24
7. The veil (the separation between God and man)..... Heb. 10:20
8. The temple (the dwelling place of God)..... Is. 6; John 2:19,21
9. Egypt- "house of bondage" (the world).....Ex. 13:3
10. Desert (testing and trials).....Deut. 8:2; Matt. 4:1-11
11. Water (the Word).....Eph. 5:26
12. Canaan (new covenant of rest).....Heb. 4:8-9
13. The flesh (striving in the self life).....Gal. 4:23-31
14. Mt. Sinai (the law and bondage).....Gal. 4:24-25
15. Baptism (death, resurrection and identification).....Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Co. 10
16. Circumcision (cutting away the flesh life).....Deut. 10:16; Rom. 2:29; Col 2:11
17. Manna (God's gracious provision)..... Ex. 16:7; John 6:32-35
18. Leaven (sin, legalism and false doctrine)..... Ex.12:15;Lev 2:11;Matt.13:33,16:6,12
19. Mt. Zion (heaven)..... Ps 2:6; 48:2; Gal. 4:26; Rev.1-27
20. The Rock (Christ)..... 1 Cor 10:4

Discussion Questions to Answer in Comments Section

1. What are types and shadows?
2. Why did Jesus say the Old Testament is about Him?
3. Why is it fitting to call Old Testament types of Christ shadows?
4. What (or who) are your favorite examples of types and shadows?
5. Can you think of types or shadows that people take too far?

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Study #3: A Covenant of the Spirit Leading to Obedience (Victorious Christian Living)

How does the Spirit assist the believer as a Minister of the NC? OC ministry by ink, the letter, formulas, traditions and culture. Understanding our liberty in and by the Spirit.

As Christians we are called to victorious Christian living which is practical holiness and obedience to the will of God. The Word shows us that there are tremendous blessings in obedience and spiritual deadness for disobedience.

Isa 59:21 "As for Me," says the LORD, "this is **My covenant** with them: **My Spirit** who is upon you, and My words which **I have put in your mouth**, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the LORD, "from this time and forevermore."

Ezek 36:26 I will give you a new heart and **put a new spirit within you**; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 **I will put My Spirit within you** and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

2 Cor 3:6 who also made us sufficient as **ministers of the new covenant** , not of the letter **but of the Spirit** ; for the letter kills, **but the Spirit gives life**.

Jesus pointed the way to obedience by His life in subjection to His Father.

Phil 2:8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and **became obedient to the point of death**, even the death of the cross.

There is no question that the Lord desires us to live obedient, holy lives before Him. The questions are... If I want to be obedient, why do I fail so often? Why do I have so little power against sin? Is it really possible to be consistently obedient? We learned in our last study that the resource for victorious Christian living begins with a heart full of humility and then cries out in faith for the gracious provision of strength through Christ the mediator of the New Covenant.

Rom 7:24 O **wretched man** that I am! **Who** will deliver me from this body of death?
25 I thank God -- through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Rom 1:5a **Through Him** we have received **grace** and apostleship **for obedience...**

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are **not under law but under grace**.

Rom 5:20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, **grace abounded much more**,

I. A Covenant of Obedience Leading to Good Works

Heb 13:20b ... **through the blood of the everlasting covenant**,
21 make you complete **in every good work** to do His will, **working in you** what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Eph 2:10 For **we are His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Col 1:10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, **being fruitful [Gal 5:22] in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God**;

1 Cor 15:10 But **by the grace of God** I am what I am, and **His grace toward me was not in vain**; but **I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God** which was with me.

2 Cor 9:8 And God is able to make **all grace abound toward you**, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have **an abundance for every good work**.

Phil 2:13 for it is God who **works in you both to will and to do** for His good pleasure.

II. New Covenant Obedience in the Old Testament

Jer 24:7 Then **I will give them a heart to know Me**, that I am the LORD; and **they shall be My people, and I will be their God**, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

Jer 31:33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: **I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**
34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' **for they all shall know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For **I will forgive their iniquity**, and their sin **I will** remember no more."

Jer 32:40 And **I will** make an everlasting covenant with them, that **I will** not turn away from doing them good; but **I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me**.

Ezek 36:25 Then **I will** sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; **I will cleanse you** from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

26 **I will give you** a new heart and put **a new spirit** within you; **I will** take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 **I will put My Spirit within you and cause you** to walk in My statutes, and **you will** keep My judgments and do them.

Isa 40:29 He gives **power to the weak**, And to those who have no might He increases strength.

Isa 41:10 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. **I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you** with My righteous right hand.'

Ps 18:1. And he said: I will love You, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD **is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength**, in whom I will trust; **My shield** and the horn of my salvation, **my stronghold**.

3 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

Ps 27:1 The LORD **is my light and my salvation**; Whom shall I fear? **The LORD is the strength of my life**; Of whom shall I be afraid?

Ps 40:1 I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.

2 He also **brought me up** out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, **And set my feet upon a rock**, And **established my steps**.

3 **He has put a new song in my mouth** -- Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD.

Receiving the Fullness of the Holy Spirit:

John 7:37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "**If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink**.

38 He who **believes in Me**, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.**"

39 But this **He spoke concerning the Spirit**,...

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the **Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 2:4 And they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit**...

Acts 8:15 who, when they had come down, **prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.**

(Acts 10:44) **While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.**

Luke 11:9 "So I say to you, **ask**, and it will be given to you; **seek**, and you will find; **knock**, and it will be opened to you"
10 "For **everyone** who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Luke
11 "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Luke
12 "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? Luke
13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"**

Eph 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but **be filled with the Spirit,**

Homework Assignment #9

1. Explain how the New Covenant is connected to the Holy Spirit?
2. Describe God's part and man's part in New Covenant obedience.

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Study #4: The Gospel as a Resurrection Covenant

1 Cor 15; The Resurrection of Christ is the foundation of the Good News. How is resurrection tied to the New Covenant? Gen 22; Rom 8:11; Col 3:1-4

Introduction:

The OC taught us that God's people were blessed or cursed by the standard of obedient to the law. In the New Covenant, God's people learn how to depend on God who strengthens them to live in victory over sin. Anything in the Bible that has to do with exchanging the Lord's strength for human weakness can come under the provision of the New Covenant. The power of the resurrection is another such resource we will highlight tonight. Resurrection power can be confusing because there are three different usages in the Scriptures.

- 1) The Lord's resurrection from the tomb
- 2) Our resurrection bodies when we go to heaven
- 3) Living daily off the resurrection power of Jesus Christ

I. The Resurrection Covenant

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him **who raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies** through His Spirit who dwells in you.

In the following verses in Hebrews, we will look for God's New Covenant provision.

Heb 13:20 Now may the **God of peace** who **brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead**, [Resurrection life] that **great Shepherd** of the sheep, **through the blood of the everlasting covenant**, 21 **make you** complete in every good work to do His will, **working in you** what is well pleasing in His sight, **through Jesus Christ**, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 22:14 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in My blood**, which is shed for you.

Heb 9:15 And for this reason **He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death**, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the **eternal inheritance**. [Resurrection life]

II. Starting Out with God (Justification):

Col 2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who **raised Him from the dead**.

13 And you, **being dead** in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He has made alive** together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

Eph 2:1 And **you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins**,

Eph 2:4 **But God**, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

5 **even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)**,

6 and **raised us up together**, and made us sit together **in the heavenly places** in Christ Jesus, [above the average]

Rom 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.** [Resurrection life]

III. Going on with God (Sanctification):

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into His death?**

4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that **just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in **the likeness of His resurrection,**

6 knowing this, that **our old man was crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, **that we should no longer be slaves of sin.**

7 For he who has **died has been freed from sin.**

10 For **the death that He died**, He died to sin once for all; but **the life that He lives**, He lives to God.

13 And do not **present** your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as **being alive from the dead**, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

Phil 3:10 **that I may know Him** and the **power of His resurrection**, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

11 if, by any means, **I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.**

IV. Biblical Examples of Resurrection

A. Abraham and Sarah's example of resurrection

Rom 4:19 And not being weak in faith, he **did not consider his own body, already dead** (since he was about a hundred years old), and **the deadness of Sarah's womb .**

[Resurrection life]

Heb 11:12 Therefore from one man, and him **as good as dead**, were born as many as the stars of the sky in multitude -- innumerable as the sand which is by the seashore.

Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called,"

19 **concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead**, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

B. Jonah's example of resurrection

Matt 12:40 For **as Jonah** was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, **so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights** in the heart of the earth.

C. Ezekiel's vision of the dry bones

Ezek 37:4 Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, '**O dry bones** , hear the word of the LORD!

5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "**Surely I will cause breath to enter into you**, and you shall live.

10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and **breath came into them, and they lived**, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

D. Paul's example of personal resurrection

2 Cor 1:8 For we do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, of our trouble which came to us in Asia: that we were **burdened beyond measure, above strength**, so that we **despaired even of life.**

9 Yes, we had **the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead.**

10 **who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us,**

11 you also helping together in prayer for us, that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the gift granted to us through many.

E. Lazerus's example of personal resurrection

John 11:1-44 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

F. Jesus' example of resurrection from nature

(John 12:24) "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; **but if it dies, it produces much grain.**

(John 12:25) "He who **loves his life will lose** it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Seeds; have to die before they can come to life and then give life to others. Renucula bulbs, Caterpillar forms a chrysalis before it emerges as a butterfly through metamorphosis. A Christian symbol!

V. Our own personal resurrection

Our personal resurrections occur whenever there is a death to the self-life. The Lord lovingly and purposefully gives us circumstances in our lives that bring us to the death of our own resources, the end of our rope so that we will cry out to Him for His strength and provision in our weakness.

When God made His creation, He made it complete pointing everything to Christ's death, resurrection and redemption in mind. We see the resurrection in nature. Notice that each time we observe life coming from death, the new life is far superior to what it replaced.

Resurrection after physical death

1 Thess 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so **God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.**

1 Cor 15:53 For **this corruptible must put on incorruption**, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Resurrection after death to the self-life

Col 3:3 For **you died**, and **your life is hidden with Christ** in God. [by virtue of His resurrection]

1 Cor 15:31b **I die daily.** But...]

(Gal 2:20) "I have been crucified with Christ; it is **no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me** [Resurrection life]; and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Col 2:12 **buried with Him in baptism**, in which you also **were raised with Him** [Resurrection life] **through faith** in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

John 14:19b ...**Because I live, you will live** also. [Resurrection life]

2 Cor 13:4 For though He was **crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the** [Resurrection life] **power of God** toward you.

Conclusion:

Rev 1:18 "I am He **who lives, and was dead**, and behold, **I am alive forevermore.** Amen. And **I have the keys of Hades and of Death.**

Rev 21:5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, **I make all things new** ." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

1 Sam 2:6 "**The LORD kills and makes alive** [Resurrection life]; **He brings down to the grave and brings up** [Resurrection life]. Blessed be the name of the Lord!!

Homework Assignment #7:

1. How is the New Covenant a covenant of resurrection life?

2. Describe an experience when the Lord resurrected you from a deadening situation.

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Study #5: The New Covenant as the Promise of God's Love

Introduction:

Not just knowing about Jesus in the gospels as in WWJD...

Jer 31:33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and **I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off **have been brought near** by the blood of Christ.

Heb 7:18 For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,
19 for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we **draw near to God.**

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,
20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,
21 and having a High Priest over the house of God,
22 **let us draw near** with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

In Christ:

1 Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ** all shall **be made alive.**

Gal 6:15 For **in Christ Jesus** neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but **a new creation.**

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places **in Christ,**

4 just as He chose us **in Him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted **in the Beloved.**

7 **In Him** we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things **in Christ** , both which are in heaven and which are on earth -- **in Him.**

11 **In Him** also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

12 that we who first trusted **in Christ** should be to the praise of His glory.

13 **In Him** you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created **in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Col 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.

28 Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect **in Christ** Jesus.

Christ in Us:

John 6:56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and **I in him**.

John 14:20 At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and **I in you**.

John 15:4 Abide in Me, and **I in you**. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and **I in him**, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Gal 4:19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until **Christ is formed in you**,

Rev 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, **I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me**.

Through Christ and By Christ:

Rom 5:17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life **through the one, Jesus Christ**.)

Rom 5:21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life **through Jesus Christ** our Lord.

1 Cor 1:4 I thank my God always concerning you for the **grace** of God which was given to you **by Christ Jesus**,

5 that you were enriched in everything **by Him** in all utterance and all knowledge,

Phil 1:11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are **by Jesus Christ**, to the glory and praise of God.

Rom 11:36 For **of Him** and **through Him** and **to Him** are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Getting to Know God:

John 17:3 And this is eternal life, that they may **know You**, the only true God, **and Jesus Christ whom You have sent**.

Phil 3:8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for **the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus** my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

Phil 3:10 **that I may know Him** and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Phil 3:13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; **but one thing I do**, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,

Ps 27:4 **one thing** I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

Luke 10:40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.
42 But **one thing is needed**, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Eph 1:17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation **in the knowledge of Him,**

2 Peter 3:18 but **grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.** To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

Conclusion:

John 14:10 Do you not believe that **I am in the Father, and the Father in Me?** The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but **the Father who dwells in Me does the works.**

John 6:57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so **he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.**

Homework Assignment #5:

1. Explain how is the New Covenant a covenant of relationship.
2. Explain how a believer can have intimacy with God in the New Covenant.

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Study #6: Contrasting the Old and New Covenants through 2 Corinthians

Introduction:

The evidences of walking in NC grace.

How to live a NC life.

What makes a minister of the NC?

Contrasts between the New and Old; life and death; liberty and bondage; flesh and spirit; rest and striving

Foundational truths of the entire context of Scripture from Gen-Rev

It's how we evaluate our own lives; ministry, family, school, work, leisure time

2 Cor 3:6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the **new covenant...**

14 But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the **Old Testament...**

I. Letters of Commendation versus Epistles of Christ

2 Cor 3:1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, **epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you?**
2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;
3a clearly you are an **epistle of Christ...**

Letters of Commendation

Epistles of Christ

II. Ink versus the Spirit:

2 Cor 3:1 Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, **epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you?**
2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;
3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written [**not with ink but by the Spirit**] of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

Two options for growing and serving

Ink, letters of recommendation and commendation, human ingenuity and perspiration instead of spiritual; inspiration, even multicolored, fades and is not lasting, wears out. Letters of commendations; diplomas, degrees, resumes, ordinations, certifications, MONEY, bank accounts, medical insurance, life insurance, retirement funds, inheritances, my sufficiency, gifts, education, experience, personality, sense of humor, self-confidence.

Church growth vs. growing in grace and maturity; seeker friendly church vs. Jesus friendly church.
Lose the ink and the seeker movement would cease.

Church growth seminars; how to reach baby boomers, baby busters, gen xers, tough minded.
Demographic studies, how to church the unchurched, How to break the 100, 250, 500 barriers, increase your tithes, happening worship, ways to get the congregation excited about... Church of Excitement
It's like the kingdom of God hinges on paving the parking lot, building funds, programs, advertisement, mail outs, give aways, fund raisers, new sign, new chairs, sound systems, technology...

Spirit, everything coming from God, fruit of the Spirit

III. Tablets of Stone versus Human Hearts:

2 Cor 3:3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, **not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh**, that is, of the **heart**.

Two options for growing and serving

Tablets of stone, inanimate objects, things, cold, hard, impersonal, no feeling, compassion, empathy, grace, mercy, forgiveness, or our own thoughts, motivation, and desires.

Tablets of flesh/the Heart, concerned with people not things,

IV. The Letter versus the Spirit:

2 Cor 3:4 And we have such trust through Christ toward God.
5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God,
6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, **not of the letter but of the Spirit**; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Two options for growing and serving

Letter, sufficiency coming from us, Rules to make us more acceptable or lovable to God. The church today is under more than the 10 commandments, we add more; how much do we tithe- 10% of net or gross; how are we to baptize? Dunk, sprinkle, ocean, spas ok?; what clothes do I wear- OK for labels? Which ones? Girl/guy issues, 1 inch straps, showing how much skin, navel exposure or not; tattoos permissible? Girl/guy

issues, How big, scripture only, where and where not?; Is piercing permissible? Where, girl/guy issues, The letter of the law condemns but has no ability to mature us, transform or disciple us.

Spirit

V. Ministry of Death versus Ministry of Life:

2 Cor 3:6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

7 But if the **ministry of death**, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,
8 how will the **ministry of the Spirit** not be more glorious?

Two options for growing and serving

Ministry of death, A name that you are alive but you are dead. Ministering spiritual death. Splitting hairs?

Ministry of life

VI. Ministry of Condemnation versus Ministry of Righteousness:

2 Cor 3:9 For if the **ministry of condemnation** had glory, the **ministry of righteousness** exceeds much more in glory.

Two options for growing and serving

Ministry of condemnation

Ministry of righteousness

VII. Fading Glory versus Remaining Glory:

2 Cor 3:10 For even what was **made glorious** had no glory in this respect, because of the **glory that excels**.
11 For if what is **passing away** was **glorious**, what **remains** is **much more glorious**.

Two options for growing and serving

Fading Glory, after promise keeping. The OC of law had to give way to the NC of grace in order for the glory of God to shine in our lives. The fragrance of Christ filling believers life as opposed to the stench of the OC law filling people with death.

Remaining Glory

VIII. Substantial Glory versus Excelling Glory:

2 Cor 3:7 But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, **was glorious**, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,
8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be **more glorious**?

9 For if the ministry of condemnation **had glory**, the ministry of righteousness **exceeds much more in glory**.

10 For even what was **made glorious** had no glory in this respect, because of the **glory that excels**.

11 For if what is passing away **was glorious**, what remains is **much more glorious**.

Two options for growing and serving

Substantial Glory

Excelling Glory

IX. Bondage versus Liberty:

2 Cor 3:12 Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech --

13 **unlike Moses**, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away.

14 But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.

15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart.

16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**

18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Two options for growing and serving

Bondage, under the bondage of OC living. Moses got caught up with the bondage. The fading glory was intended to give way to glory of the NC of Christ. Veil of pretense, self-justification, defensiveness, can't let down, can't be vulnerable, Christianity based on competition.

Liberty, free to live life as a set free child of God who writes His laws on my heart and mind. Free to hear from God as my Abba Father. Set free from having to impress people, set free to serve God alone and not get caught up with self, church politics, rules and regulations that we place on ourselves and others. Free to lift hands or not; free to read our Bibles just to know Christ not 10 chapters, free to have my quite time to just spend time with the Lord in the time frame that the Lord gives me, dress however

Conclusion:

Homework Assignment #10:

1. Design a New Covenant church and contrast it with an Old Covenant church.

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Study #7 Superiority of Jesus as Mediator of the NC

Heb 9:15 And for this reason He is the **Mediator of the new covenant**, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Isa 42:6 "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; **I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles,**
7 **To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison,** Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

Isa 49:8 Thus says the LORD: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, And in the day of salvation I have helped You; **I will preserve You and give You As a covenant to the people,** To restore the earth, To cause them to inherit the desolate heritages;

Jesus is the Mediator (the go-between, referee/umpire, and negotiator) of the New Covenant. A mediator negotiates an agreement between two parties needing reconciliation. As mediator of the NC, Jesus graciously negotiates an agreement for us that puts all the responsibility of performance on Himself. He does His part but then amazingly does our part as well. In our study we will look at privileged position we have with Jesus, the Mediator of the NC.

Luke 22:20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in My blood,** which is shed for you.

Heb 7:22 by so much more **Jesus has become a surety of a better covenant.**

Jesus as mediator guarantees and performs both sides of the covenant. The OC couldn't succeed because of the weakness of our flesh, the NC can't fail because of the power of Jesus' indwelling. It is finished!

Heb 8:6 But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also **Mediator of a better covenant,** which was **established on better promises.**

Better because it is powered and sustained by Jesus our HP not living under the law; transforms the law into an inner life;

Heb 9:15 And for this reason **He is the Mediator of the new covenant,** by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Heb 12:24 **to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant,** and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

In the OC, when man came to the table with the Father he brought his own very best effort to be faithful to the law of God; In the NC, Jesus Himself goes to the table in our place, and says "Father, you know that my child is a little challenged in the obedience department so I will give them My sufficient grace to make sure they can't fail."

The NC isn't some new religious system similar to the OC, but it's the person of Christ. It is not trying our best to please God with our own religious effort under the law, but letting the person of Christ change transform us into His own likeness.

I. Man has a Built in Need for a Mediator; We need all the help we can get!!

Job 9:33 **Nor is there any mediator between us, Who may lay his hand on us both.**

1 Tim 2:5 For there is one God and **one Mediator between God and men**, the Man Christ Jesus,

Heb 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them.**

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And **if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.**

II. Comparing Jesus with the High Priest of Israel

Heb 2:17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful **High Priest** in things pertaining to God, **to make propitiation for the sins of the people.**
18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, **He is able to aid those who are tempted.**

Heb 4:15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot **sympathize with our weaknesses**, but was in all points **tempted as we are**, yet without sin.
16 Let us therefore come boldly to the **throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace** to help in time of need.

Heb 7:11 Therefore, if perfection were through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need was there that **another priest should rise according to the order of Melchizedek**, and not be called according to the order of Aaron?

To understand Jesus' mediating role, we must first see Him as our great High Priest. The purpose of the HP of Israel was to be a mediator or to stand in the gap between man and God. He represented man before God and God before man. As the mediator, Jesus was our perfect go-between. As man he stretches out His right hand to man because He understands and sympathizes with man's weaknesses. As the Son He stretches His left hand to the Father and presents us faultless before the presence of His glory. The NC is eternally secured and maintained because its continuance is no longer predicated on man's ability to keep the law, but now its Jesus life indwelling man and fulfilling the law in us.

Shadow – Old Covenant – striving Pictures, blue prints, Perfect husband No defects	Jesus- substance- internal rest from a Great High Priest
Tribes of Levi through Aaron	Tribes of Judah after the order of Melchizedek
Animals blood- cover sin	God's blood- takes away sin
Offered up atonement- for his own sins	Is the atonement- sacrificing Himself as the sin-offering (9:12)

On earth	In heaven (8:1-2; 4:14)
Daily sacrifices Temporarily covers sin	Takes away sin forever (10:11-12)
Needed his sins sacrificed for	Sinless (4:15; 5:1-3)
A succession of HP; they died, slept, ate	Forever (5:6) Power of an endless life (7:16)
Represents 2 tablets of stone- outward	Writes His law on our hearts and minds- inner life
Mediator of the O.C,	Mediator of a New Covenant
Striving to get right with God	Inward rest (4:8-10)
Physical rest and place- Earthly tabernacle	Spiritual rest, spiritual place (heavenly tabernacle) Heb 3-4
Went into the holiest for himself – Yom Kippur	Went into the holiest for us (6:20)
No intimacy with the Lord; Stay out	Christ indwelling and enthroned; Come boldly
Heb 9:24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;	

III. The Mediation of Blood

Ex 24:8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "**This is the blood of the covenant** which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."

Luke 22:20 Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in My blood**, which is shed for you.

1 Cor 11:25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.**"

Heb 9:17 For **a Testament is in force after men are dead**, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brethren, **having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus**,
20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,
21 and having a High Priest over the house of God,
22 **let us draw near** with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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Study #8: How does the Believer Access this New Covenant Life?

I. Introduction

Humility and faith go together in accessing NC grace. It's in **humility** that we realize our need for **grace**; it's in **faith** that we cry out for it. The more we, **by faith**, put our trust in His powerful, life giving resources, the more we will be willing to abandon, **in humility**, our anemic confidence in ourselves.

EX. Food is not appreciated until you are hungry, water until you are thirsty, air until you are under water. For all human needs Jesus has one solution, come to Him. If you are thirsty, weary, heavy laden, fearful, sick, alone, depressed, overcome by sin or insecure. We get buried in the storms of life; we immediately look for a life preserver. We have many in which to choose, yet we discover that they are all anchors with ropes tied around our necks.

EX. I have monetary problems, so I immediately, in my own understanding, bypass the Lord's counsel and look to the world's monetary system for answers; rather than looking to the Lord for answers, I use my common sense and get 3 jobs because we think the only answer is more money. I panic rather than seeking first the kingdom of God. Think about this as a definition of sin; "any thought or action that is performed independently from the Lord." Sin isn't only bad works of the flesh against God, but it's our **pride** that says I can do better or faster, and **unbelief** that thinks the Lord is not able or willing to rescue us from the impossibilities of life. As a result we limit the holy one of Israel by not coming to Him. James 4:2b Yet you do not have because you do not ask.

II. Pride and Unbelief

Two pillars in which all sin stands and which quenches the Spirit is pride and unbelief. We can trace each personal failure to one or both of these abominations.

Example of Adam and Eve

Eve and then Adam ate the forbidden fruit because they refused to believe that God meant what He said, "you shall not eat of the tree of good and evil or you will die." In pride they thought they knew better than God.

Gen 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Example of Satan

Isa 14:13 For you have said in your heart: **I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God; **I will** also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;

Isa 14:14 **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

Isa 14:15 Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit.

Example of Saul

1 Sam 15:17 So Samuel said, "When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel?"

Example of Nebuchadnezzar

Dan 4:30 The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that **I have built** for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?"

31 While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "**King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you!**

32 And **they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field.**

They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses."

33 That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; **he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws.**

Dan 5:20 But when his heart was lifted up, and **his spirit was hardened in pride**, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him.

21 Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, **till he knew** that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.

Example of Peter

In unbelief and pride, Peter rebuked Jesus about going to the cross. He didn't believe the words that Jesus spoke.

Matt 26:34 Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, **you will deny Me** three times."

35 Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, **I will not deny You!**" And so said all the disciples.

In the same way that pride and unbelief quenches the Spirit, humility and faith invokes the Spirit of grace.

II. Humility vs. Pride

As believers we are in a dilemma. The Word instructs us to deny and humble ourselves, yet society teaches us to love and have pride in ourselves. In fact, psychologists do all they can to build up pride and esteem.

Mat 22:39 "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor **as yourself?????????**'"

Phil 2:3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind **let each esteem others better than himself.**

Phil 2:4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, **but also for the interests of others.**

Phil 2:5 **Let this mind be in you** which was **also** in Christ Jesus,

Luke 9:23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him **deny himself**, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

Luke 9:24 "For whoever desires to **save [loves] his life** will lose it, but whoever **loses his life** for My sake will save it.

It's because of pride that self gets easily offended, it's because of pride that we insist that we are right, it's because of pride that we don't want to submit or serve others, it's because of pride that we judge and will not forgive others. It's as if there are six billion people in the world all insisting upon their own individual rights to be observed, and if they aren't, I'm going to have a temper tantrum or a pity party for myself and I'm not going to invite anyone to it so nah.

2 Tim 3:1 But know this, that **in the last days** perilous times will come: 2 For **men will be lovers of themselves**, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Ex. Our self centered flesh begins at birth. A cute little cuddly baby in reality is a little flesh monster. They cry and lose their tempers about everything. They cry when they're hungry, they cry when they're wet, they cry when they're tired, they cry when they're frustrated. Its ok for a baby to get mad and try to hit their parents. We may think that it's even cute. But what about a person who's 19 years old, 6'5" and 330 lbs.; if they acted the same as the baby, no one would think that it was cute at all. No one could restrain them, they would throw their crib across the room, hospitalize their parents, and demolish the house. Humility on the other hand is the spiritual fruit of living by new covenant grace.

2 Cor 3:6 who also **made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant,**

1 Pet 5:5 Likewise you younger people [35 yrs?], submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and **be clothed with humility**, for "God resists the proud, But gives **grace to the humble.**"

6) Therefore **humble yourselves** under the mighty hand of God, **that He may exalt you** in due time, James 4:10 **Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He** will lift you up.

Prov 11:2 **When pride comes, then comes shame;** But with the **humble is wisdom.**

Prov 16:18 Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

19 **Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly,** Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Prov 29:23 **A man's pride will bring him low, But the humble** in spirit will retain honor.

Isa 57:15 For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, **With him who has a contrite and humble spirit,** To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Ex. When a cement slab is old and cracks, plant life will break through. When we see our own weakness, the life of Christ can be seen through. We have this treasure in earthen vessels 2 Cor 4

III. Faith vs. Unbelief

Please don't think that unbelief is a weakness or frailty. Some people have faith and some don't. Those who don't can't be blamed because God didn't give them enough faith. I wish I had more faith but I don't.

For the believer, unbelief must be seen as an oxymoron. Unbelief is the sin of sins that keeps people out of heaven (justification), as well as keeping believers from spiritual maturity and victory (sanctification). They have enough faith in Jesus to get them out of Egypt, but not enough to get them into Canaan. The unbelieving life is a desert characterized by a lack of the power to love, experience joy, or to enter His rest. The unbelieving heart is evil, carnal and is destined to always remain dry and barren. They weren't at the foot of Egypt but at the threshold of the promised land.

Heb 3:12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an **evil heart of unbelief** in departing from the living God;

Jesus rebukes the unbelief (hard heartedness) of His disciples.

Mark 16:14 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and **He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart**, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

[If faith is just a gift of God, Jesus would have had no reason to rebuke their unbelief.]

Mat 13:58 Now He did not do many mighty works there **because of their [Nazareth] unbelief.**

Mat 17:19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"

20 So Jesus said to them, "**Because of your unbelief;** for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

Mark 6:5 Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

6 And **He marveled because of their unbelief**. Then **He went** about the villages in a circuit, teaching.

It is like letting a car sit because we do not think that it has an engine, or like carefully crawling on a frozen lake because we are afraid the ice will not hold, only to have a heavy truck drive past us. The baby elephant. The cruise from Ireland

IV. How does the Believer Grow in Faith?

Mark 9:24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, **I believe; help my unbelief!**"

Rom 4:20 He did not waver at the promise of God **through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith**, giving glory to God,

Rom 10:17 So then **faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God**.

Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat.

32 **But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail;** and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

Heb 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them**.

Heb 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are **surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses**, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

Heb 12:2 **looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith**, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

It's such a human paradox to understand that our **strength is in humility**, and that our **might is in meekness**. Faith is the natural response to confessing our own human weakness. I will naturally cry out for the power of God's grace only when I am convinced that I am in great need. When we know that our strength is not in man or from man, prayer and seeking God's Word becomes as natural as breathing. It's no longer I have to pray but, I can't stop praying. It's no longer I have to read a chapter in the Bible each morning but now the Word is my lamp unto my feet and the light unto my path.

Rom 5:2 through whom also **we have access by faith into this grace** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Matt 14:28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, **command me to come to You on the water.**"

29 So He said, "**Come.**" And when Peter had come down out of the boat, **he walked on the water to go to Jesus**.

30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and **beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"**

31 And **immediately** Jesus stretched out His hand and **caught him**, and said to him, "**O you of little faith, why did you doubt ?**"

V. Humility and Faith Together

Rom 7:24 O **wretched man** that I am! **Who** will deliver me from this body of death?

25 I thank God -- through **Jesus Christ** our Lord!

2 Chron 20:12 O our God, will You not judge them? For **we have no power** against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, **but our eyes are upon You.**"

Isa 40:29 He gives **power to the weak**, And to those who **have no might He increases strength**.

30 Even the **youths shall faint** and be weary, And the **young men shall utterly fall**,
31 But those who **wait on the LORD** Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Gal 2:20 "I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ** lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

2 Cor 3:5 **Not that we are sufficient of ourselves** to think of anything as being from ourselves, **but our sufficiency is from God**,

2 Cor 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

9 And He said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.**" Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

Zech 4:6 ...**Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit**,' Says the LORD of hosts.

Prov 3:5 **Trust in the LORD** with all your heart, And **lean not on your own understanding**;

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

V. Conclusion

Luke 18:9-14 Also He spoke this parable to some who **trusted in themselves** that they were righteous, and despised others:

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for **everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.**"

Homework Assignment #8:

1. What are your hindrances in accessing the New Covenant in your life?
2. What can be done to overcome these hindrances?

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Study #9: How are We Made Sufficient as Ministers of the NC?

2 Cor 4:1 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. V.16

Gal 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not **lose heart** .

1 Tim 1:2 To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, **mercy**, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eph 2:4 But God, who is **rich in mercy**, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may **obtain mercy** and find grace...

2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

2 Cor 1:12 For our boasting is this: the testimony of our conscience that we conducted ourselves in the world **in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom** but by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you.

2 Cor 2:17 For we are not, as so many, **peddling the word** of God; but as **of sincerity**...

3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,

2 Cor 3:15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a **veil lies on their heart**.

16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, **the veil is taken away**.

4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

John 12:40 "He has **blinded their eyes** and hardened their hearts..."

5 For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your

Bondservants for Jesus' sake.

6 For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Treasure in Earthen Vessels:

2 Cor 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

Jer 18:4 And **the vessel** that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

Eph 3:8 ... this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the **unsearchable riches of Christ,**
Col 2:3 **in whom are hidden all the treasures** of wisdom and knowledge.

Judg 7:20 Then the three companies blew the trumpets and **broke the pitchers** -- they held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing -- and they cried, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!"

8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed --

Heb 13:5 ...For He Himself has said, "**I will never leave you nor forsake you.**"
6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"

10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

Col 3:3 **For you died,** and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Gal 2:20 **I have been crucified with Christ;** it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;

2 Cor 12:9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for **My strength is made perfect in weakness.**"

11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

Rom 8:36 As it is written: "For Your sake **we are killed all day long**; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

37 Yet in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through Him who loved us.

1 Cor 15:31 I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily**.

12 So then death is working in us, but life in you.

Temporal Afflictions and Eternal Glory:

2 Cor 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

Acts 20:24 But none of these things move me; **nor do I count my life dear to myself...**

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

2 Cor 11:24-28 From the Jews **five times I received forty stripes** minus one.

18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Col 3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the...

2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Heb 11:10 for he waited for the city which has foundations, **whose builder and maker is God.**

Conclusion:

2 Cor 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, **we have a building from God**, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Homework Assignment #12:

1. Explain the plight of an earthen vessel.
2. Give personal application to your earthen vessel-hood.

