

## “The Kingdom of God!”

### Part 22: “A New Covenant? ‘No’ and ‘Yes’!”

Galatians 3:1-22; Romans 4:1-17;  
II Corinthians 3:1-18; Hebrews 9:11-28



Introduction: True freedom is only found and truly experienced in a relationship with Jesus Christ through His Spirit.

*God’s “new covenant” is the fulfillment of His promise to Abraham to bring salvation to those who believe through the work of His Spirit.*

#### I. God’s Covenant of Grace with Abraham ...

**Romans 3:23, 6:23:** “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” ... “The wages of sin is death!”

How would God save them? By grace through faith in the coming Savior, the “Seed” of Abraham.

The descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob became slaves in Egypt in order for God to present a picture of salvation from slavery to sin through God’s deliverance.

All of this pointed to the blood of Christ that would be shed on the cross as the perfect payment for sin.

#### II. God’s Covenant of Law with Moses ...

The “old covenant” was the “Covenant of Law,” instituted through Moses ... the “Mosaic covenant.”

God gave the Ten Commandments to make all people conscious of their bondage to sin and the judgment of God against it (Romans 3:20; Galatians 3:24).

The “Covenant of Law” declared, “Do this! and live!” or “Don’t do this ... and DIE!”

**Galatians 3:1-9:** “Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith?” (vs. 2).

All who do not believe in Christ remain under the “old covenant” of LAW and the verdict is, “Guilty!” and the sentence is “Death!” (James 2:10).

**Ephesians 2:3-5:** “... we all ... were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind, BUT GOD ...” (vss. 3-4).

#### III. God’s “New Covenant” in Christ and His Spirit!

It is not really a “new” covenant, but a new revelation of God’s Covenant of Grace.

**Hebrews 9:11-15:** “... how much MORE will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God!” (vs. 14).

**Galatians 3:10-14:** “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law ... so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith” (vss. 13-14).

**Romans 3:19-22:** “BUT NOW the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law ... through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe” (vss. 21-22).

**Romans 4:13-17:** “For the promise to Abraham ... did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith ... that is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace!” (vss. 13,16).

**II Corinthians 2:14-17, 3:1-6:** “... ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life!” (3:6).

**II Corinthians 3:12-18:** “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is FREEDOM!” (vs. 17).

**Jeremiah 31:31-34:** “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts!” (vs. 33).

**Ezekiel 36:24-28:** “And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. ... I will put MY Spirit within you ...” (vss. 26-27).

**Galatians 5:1,13:** “For freedom Christ has set us free!” (vs. 1).