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Christ Changed Everything

Why Did We Need a New Covenant Anyway?

part 3



1. Remember _____ (vv.6-8a)



*The Old Covenant
in a Nutshell →*



The Old Covenant Only _____



The Old Covenant Didn't _____

2. Be _____ (vv.8b, 10a)

3. Maximize _____ (vv.9-13)



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⁶ But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises. ⁷ For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. ⁸ But God found fault with the people and said: "The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. ⁹ It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.

¹⁰ This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ¹¹ No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. ¹² For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." ¹³ By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. While we as Christians have clearly not arrived at our perfect destination with a face-to-face relationship with the King, describe in your own words the significant advantages of living under the New Covenant age as opposed to the Old.
2. Read **Romans 8:12-17**. Are you sure that you are a genuine Christian who has sincerely repented of your sin and placed your trust in Christ to save you? Are you confident that God's Spirit is living in you? Describe that assurance.

When it comes to your daily Christian life, what is the difference between an internal resonance with God's word and an external pressure from God's word?

3. What daily and weekly priorities can you put in place that will assist you in enhancing and deepening your closeness with, and knowledge of God?
4. Describe the difference between what Pastor Mike characterized as "credit" versus "debit" forgiveness?

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

October 29th

Ezk. 1-2 & 1Tim. 4

October 30th

Ezk. 3-4 & 1Tim. 5

October 31st

Ezk. 5-6 & 1Tim. 6

November 1st

Ezk. 7-8 & 2Tim. 1

November 2nd

Ezk. 9-10 & 2Tim. 2

November 3rd

Ezk. 11-12 & 2Tim. 3

November 4th

Ezk. 13-14 & 2Tim. 4

November 5th

Ezk. 15-16 & Titus

Today's sermon will be recorded and available on CD at the Focal Point Ministry window in the lobby immediately following the conclusion of today's service. Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0583 – **Count Your Spiritual Blessings** (Colossians 1:12-14)

CD # 0524 – **Astonishing Promises from a Faithful God** (James 4:4-10)

CD # 0411 – **The Juxtaposition of Responsibility & Forgiveness** (Matthew 27:21-26)

CD # 0631 – **Why Don't We Have Priests** (Hebrews 7:1-28)

CD # 0632 – **Why Don't We Have a Temple** (Hebrews 8:1-5)

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon. (To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

Benware, Paul. **Understanding End Times Prophecy**. Moody Press, 2004.

Carson, D. A., et al. **Justification and Variegated Nomism**. Baker Books, 2004.

Fruchtenbaum, Arnold. **Israelology: The Missing Link in Systematic Theology**. Ariel Ministries, 1994.

Hoyt, Herman. **The End Times**. Moody Press, 1969.

Kaiser, Walt, **The Uses of the Old Testament in the New**, Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2001.

Lewis, C.S. **Reflections in the Psalms**, Harvest Books, 1964.

Peters, George N. H. **The Theocratic Kingdom (3 volumes)**. Reprint. Kregel Publications, 1988.

Pettegrew, Larry D. **The New Covenant Ministry of the Holy Spirit**. Kregel Publishers, 2001.

Robertson, O. Palmer. **Christ of the Covenants**. P & R Publishers, 1981.

Showers, Renald. **There Really Is a Difference: A Comparison of Covenant & Dispensational Theology**. FOGM, 1990.

Walton, John H. **Covenant: God's Purpose, God's Plan**. Zondervan, 1994

Zuck, Roy B., et al. **A Biblical Theology of the Old Testament**. Moody Press, 1991.