



Spreading the Fame of God
to our Neighbors and the Nations

Jesus Christ:

Mediator of a New Covenant

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JESUS' DEATH PUT THE NEW COVENANT IN EFFECT.

In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living...

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Hebrews 9:16, 22

WHAT IS THE NEW COVENANT?

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord:

I will put My laws into their minds, and I will write them on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, and everyone his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all will know Me, from the least to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."

Hebrews 8:10-12

THE NEW COVENANT MAKES US HOLY.

After saying above, "Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin You have not desired, nor have You taken pleasure *in them*" (which are offered according to the Law), then He said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first in order to establish the second. By this will we have been sanctified (*made holy*) through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:8-10

THE NEW COVENANT PROVIDES A BETTER HOPE.

For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness (for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

Hebrews 7:18-19

THE OLD COVENANT IS NOW OBSOLETE.

When He said, “A new *covenant*,” He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.

Hebrews 8:13

NO ONE COULD KEEP THE OLD COVENANT.

For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second. For finding fault with them, He says, “Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, when I will effect a new covenant.”

Hebrews 8:7-8

CHANGING THE LINE OF PRIESTS MEANS CHANGING THE COVENANT.

Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), what further need was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?

For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

Hebrews 7:11-12

JESUS IS THE MEDIATOR OF A SUPERIOR COVENANT.

But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better (*superior*) covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

Hebrews 8:6

For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

Hebrews 9:15

THE NEW COVENANT IS A PROMISE MADE BY GOD TO JESUS.

And inasmuch as it was not without an oath (for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him,

“The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, ‘You are a priest forever’”); so much the more also Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

Hebrews 7:20-22

NEW COVENANT SALVATION IS COMPLETE, PERMANENT AND FOREVER.

The *former* priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing, but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently. Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7:23-25

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO THE NEW COVENANT MESSAGE?

Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it... So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest.

Hebrews 4:1, 9-11

Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

Hebrews 10:19-23

Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16