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A NEW COVENANT: Christ's finished work on the cross.

Part 1

INTRODUCTION:

Most believers in the church today have a general idea of what Jesus did in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago. The church has failed to teach the importance of The New Covenant for us living in the End of Times. Let's examine carefully his death and resurrection and the implications for our salvation IN CHRIST.

Jesus (our Messiah, our Christ, and our Lord) fulfilled many prophecies in the Old Testament that foretold the arrival of a Messiah, Future Savior and King of Israel. (*Genesis 3:15, Genesis 49:10, Micah 5: 2, Daniel 9:25, 7:14, Isaiah 9: 1-2, Psalms 110: 4*)

He overcame death, fulfilled the law, healed the sick, raised the dead, was tempted and overcame evil. Performed many miracles to satisfy the Jewish demand for signs, as required by their interpretation of the law. Jesus fed thousands with five loaves and 2 fish. He offered himself as a sacrifice (*Galatians 1: 4, 7:27 Hebrews*), shedding His holy and perfect blood, in full compliance with the perfect justice of the Eternal Father. He paid our sin debt in full, once and forever.

The Mosaic Law sentenced us to death, because of our sin nature, which the Law could not erase permanently, but could only cover our sin temporarily. But then, Jesus took our place on the cross. Jesus put on himself ALL OF OUR SINS, past, present and future. And he BLOTTED OUT ALL THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST US, on the cross. He literally replaced us, substituted us and gave his life for us. Jesus IS the friend who gave his life for another. (*John 15:13*) There is no greater love than this.

His death sealed a new covenant. The old covenant was repealed in favor of a perfect New Covenant. Whenever God establishes a covenant in the Bible, he makes everybody aware of it with a visible signal, confirming the covenant to all future generations.

Since ancient times, God has made covenants with man. These were unilateral pacts, called alliances of God with man. When God filled the circumference of the earth with water (The Flood) drowning all mankind, God made a covenant with Noah and his descendants. He established a new sign in heaven; the Rainbow, as a reminder of this covenant forever; that he'd never cover the earth with water again.

That pact was sealed by the shedding of blood in the flood. Noah was the intermediary, the Priest and Prophet of the Alliance ([Genesis 9: 12-17](#)). GOD establishes this sign in sight for all generations as a memorial of his promise.

In the book of Genesis ([Genesis 4: 8](#)) when Cain killed Abel, God banished him from the Garden of Eden. Then, as Cain understands what evil thing he'd done when he acted against his brother, he feared for his life. For everyone who saw Cain would be intent on killing him, as he did with Abel. Cain presented his fear to God and a mark was put on his forehead so that anyone who sees him would not attack him ([Gen 4: 13-16](#)).

This mercy of God on Cain represents the first unilateral covenant of God with man after Adam and Eve. It is an inviolable unilateral covenant that God established, with a visible sign on Cain's forehead. A physical signal visible to all ([Genesis 4:15](#)), showing that God prohibited anyone from attacking Cain.

In the Bible, there are many covenants or pacts containing memorials. When God made his unilateral covenant with Abraham, he puts a sign in Abraham's body, the circumcision of the flesh ([Gen 4: 9-14](#)). In obedience to this commandment (Established as a covenant), all the Israelites had to be circumcised eight days after birth. This is the visible signal belonging to the tribe of Abraham, whose descendants inherit the promises of GOD. The infant Jesus was presented in the Temple circumcised 8 days old, (The word infant is translated from the Greek root word [paidion παιδίον](#), Strongs # 3813, meaning children in the arms of their mothers, who have no perception of who is in front of them).

Prophet Abraham did when he believed God's promises and prophesied all his descendants. He also was a priest, when he was willing to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham would spill the blood of his only son, equivalent to seal a pact act. Consequently the pact was sealed with the blood of circumcision.

IN JESUS we are established now in a New Covenant, radically different from previous ones, because it is forever, irrevocable, permanent, done once and forever. A pact which does not depend on our work, but on the perfect work of Jesus. For this reason the Apostle Paul called it the gospel of grace. It could be transliterated as the Gospel of the undeserved gift that God gives to believers in his son Jesus.

When Jesus shed his blood on the cross, the Old Covenant is put aside (not abolished) and Jesus establishes a new and better covenant IN HIM. This was known as "*The Way*". Glory to God in Heaven!

Today, the Christian Church insists on mixing the Old Covenant with the New Covenant. Evangelicals are preached this mixed covenant gospel since the beginning of the first century. The Church continues to do works to earn salvation, exactly as in the Old Covenant.

But this is not what The Apostle Paul preached. What the Bible says is that an old covenant is set aside (*abrogated*) to establish a new and better covenant. Each covenant is tied to priesthood, the Levites in the old, and the order of Melkizedek in the new. And where there is priesthood there is an appointed intermediary, a prophet to audit and point out any deviation from the terms of the Covenant with God. So then, now we have Jesus, our High Priest in the order of Melkizedek and also the Messiah, the anointed prophet Of God.

CHANGE OF PRIESTHOOD, CHANGE OF LAW.

When Moses descended from Mount Sinai with the tablets of the Law, God unilaterally established a covenant with the people of Israel. Whenever God makes a covenant with the people of Israel, he also designates who will serve as an intermediary.

In the old covenant, a priest had to administer atoning sacrificial service under the terms and conditions of the Mosaic Law.

The Levites were appointed by God to serve as priests along Aaron and his sons. They presented animal blood sacrifices in the bronze altar, in front of the Tent of Meetings (The Tabernacle).

Remember this; When a covenant is abrogated, a new priesthood is established in place of the older and the law of the old covenant is changed for the new covenant law.

For it is written in *Hebrews 7:12*;

12 For the priesthood being changed, of necessity there is also a change of law;

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The Levite priesthood was replaced. (By Jesus, the High Priest in the order of Melkizedek)

The Mosaic Law was set aside because of the New Law. (The Spiritual Law)

A mayor change came about when Jesus was raised from the dead: Because of his resurrection, we have been purchased, redeemed; our ransom has been paid in full and over abundantly. The Mosaic Law was fulfilled in it's entirely by Jesus shed blood at the cross.

We have NO NEED TO SHOW WORKS TO GAIN SALVATION.

Jesus' finished works in the cross paid in full for our sins forever.

Now we are granted safe passage HIDDEN IN CHRIST.

JESUS IS OUR HIGH PRIEST FOREVER! Always interceding for us before the throne of God. Blessed be the Name of Jesus, AMEN!

The Old Covenant could not save us, because no one could keep the Law perfectly. But now, in the New Covenant IN JESUS we are perfected, and today we can approach God without fear, something we could not do under the Law of the Old Covenant.

For it is written in *Hebrews 7: 18-22*;

17 For it is attested [by God] of Him, "You (Christ) are a Priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

18 For, on the one hand, a former commandment is cancelled because of its weakness and uselessness [because of its inability to justify the sinner before God] 19 (for the Law never made anything perfect); while on the other hand a better hope is introduced through which we now continually draw near to God. 20 And indeed it was not without the taking of an oath [that Christ was made priest] 21 (for those Levites who formerly became priests [received their office] without [its being confirmed by the taking of] an oath, but this One [was designated] with an oath through the One who said to Him,

"The Lord has sworn And will not change His mind or regret it, 'You (Christ) are a Priest forever'").

22 And so [because of the oath's greater strength and force] Jesus has become the certain guarantee of a better covenant [a more excellent and more advantageous agreement; one that will never be replaced or annulled].
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The word *Abrogated* in the Greek manuscript is translated from the root word **ἀθεΐτησις** [*athetēsis*] Strong's number G115) {Derived from the root word G114}; which literally means cancellation, when something is canceled, rejected, set aside.

So when Jesus died and arose again, The Old Covenant is null and void. (But the Law is not cancelled; it condemns those who reject Jesus, those who reject The Son Of God).

Now in the New Covenant we are introduced to a better hope by which we draw near to God without fear, confident.

**LET US DRAW NEAR FEARLESS, AS WE
HAVE BEEN IMPUTED HIS "RIGHTEOUSNESS"**

Examine the Scriptures diligently. A covenant change has occurred. For those whom Jesus has been revealed, their relationship as believers in Jesus with the Eternal Father it is no longer through the Law of Moses, or the Old scrolls of the prophets of Israel.

The Eternal Father told us clearly that it is not through the law or a prophet that we can approach the throne of grace. (*Hebrews 4: 16.7: 25.10: 01.11: 06 Ephesians 2:18, 3:12*)

In the book of Hebrews the author refers to the High Priest and his Office on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur, within the Hebrew context and according to the Mosaic Law).

For it is written in *Hebrews 4:16*;

"16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace to help in time."

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When he says "*Let us*", It's recalling the Tabernacle in the wilderness and later in the Temple of Jerusalem, when the high priest approached with fear and trembling the "*Holy of Holies*" where the seat for propitiation (כַּפֹּרֶת *kapporeth*, ἱλαστήριον) was.

The seat (more like a Lid) was covering (*Kapporeth*) the box or Ark of the Covenant, which was known as "*The Mercy Seat*". In the day of *Yom Kippur*, the high priest sprinkles the seat with blood of the sacrifice. For the temporary forgiveness (covering) of Israel's sins.

Here the author of the book of Hebrews shows the superiority of the New Covenant over the Old Covenant. IN JESUS we can all approach the throne of grace in heaven without fear or trembling. Confident that the blood of the Lamb of God has been sprinkled on the Ark of the Covenant in heaven, once and forever. Now all who believe in Jesus can approach God entrusted with freedom of expression, not as to the high priest under the Mosaic Law who feared death and approached the Holy of Holies trembling.

**PUT ON THE GARMENT OF CHRIST -
HIS *RIGHTEOUSNESS* that has been imputed
TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE
BY FAITH ALONE.**

Now in the New Covenant there is nothing to fear, provided that we "*Put on*" the garment of Christ (*Galatians 3:27, Romans 13:14, Colossians. 3:10*) Jesus has imputed us his "*Righteousness*", his finished works, his sacrifice for all of us, Amen and Amen!

His garment has been given to us as gift. The unmerited grace of God. In the ancient world, in the Hebrew context, when a king prepared his heir's wedding banquet, things were done according to the royal protocol of the time. It was a solemn and serious thing to be summoned by the King. Days before, a messenger was sent in advance with the wedding invitation along with the royal garment they should wear. This garment was to honor the king and his son on his wedding day. If anyone tried to enter the banquet without proper attire, he was considered an affront to the king and his son and then was thrown out (of the kingdom) into the darkness. The equivalent of death, because he dishonored his Son and the King.

For it is written in *Matthew 22: 8-14*;

8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore to the highways, and invite to the wedding as many as ye may find. 10 And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, both bad and good; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 And when the king came to see the guests, he saw there a man who was not wearing wedding clothes. 12 And he said unto him, Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment? But he fell silent.

13 Then the king said to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 14 For many are called, but few chosen.

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IN CHRIST we are inside the Holy of Holies. For us there are no restrictions based on our social class, nationality or sinful nature. WE ARE IN. Christ paid the price and gave us a royal garment that allows us to stand in the presence of the King without fear, without trembling, in total confidence, LIKE HIS HEIRS, Sons and Daughters of the King.

We got a fresh new start, a clean slate, ONE NEW MAN, a new creation IN CHRIST.
THE WEDDING IS READY!

NEW PRIESTHOOD

Once Jesus established the New Covenant with his death and resurrection, a change of priesthood occurs. The Levite priesthood has been annulled, and now Jesus is our High Priest, according to the priestly order of Melchizedek.

In other words, Jesus is a high priest who never dies for he is eternal, as Melchizedek is eternal (*Hebrew 7: 3*). A better priesthood and a better covenant (*Hebrews 7: 22*). Take note of what the author of the book of Hebrews says more in detail about Melchizedek and his indestructible life: (*Hebrew 7:16*) It says that Melchizedek met Abraham in his day and yet he still lives. (*Hebrews 7: 8*) This is something remarkable to examine in another study. Let's continue with the Melchizedek Priesthood.

THERE IS A NEW PRIESTHOOD IN THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK

When Jesus died and resurrected, a change of law occurred. According to *Hebrews 7*, the Levitical priesthood was removed and now there is a new priesthood after the order of Melchizedek. *For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.*

It is written in *Hebrews 7: 11-12*;

11 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?

12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

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Now, God has anointed a high priest who doesn't have to continuously purify himself for his sins and for the people. We have a priest who does not die (*Heb. 7: 16-17*) and he is always interceding on our behalf before the Father.

Jesus abrogated (set aside) the Old Pact (*Colossians. 2:14.*) and in its place he established a new and better covenant, sealing it with his precious blood. This new covenant does not expire, like the temporary "covering" of the blood of animals on the bronze altar. Jesus is ETERNAL and so is his new covenant. Our High Priest does not die, and so his sacrifice stands forever effective over all of our sins past, present and future.

These are "The Good News" that the Apostle Paul was preaching all over the known world. That the New Covenant provides that as Jesus was resurrected, we too will rise uncorrupted in a glorified body in his triumphant return on the clouds (*1 Thessalonians 4:17, Philippians 3:21, 1Corinthians 15: 51-53, 2Corinthians 3:18*).

It is important that we know and understand well this new covenant for which Jesus shed His holy blood. Let's see why.

A NEW COVENANT

All Bibles have an important division. They are divided in half between the Old Testament and the New Testament. In other words, the Christian Bible has a Part 1 and a Part 2, known as the Old Testament and the New Testament. In this study we'll refer to as Covenants, Old and New.

A significant change has occurred in the New Covenant, in the way God deals with man. Before Jesus we could not approach the throne of grace. (*Hebrews 4: 14-16*) We could not stand before God the Father as children, because we had no inheritance, but we were like children in the custody of a strict tutor (*Galatians 3:25*). As such we had no direct access to our father, but a brief restricted view through a veil, the tutor. We did not "know" our Father.

For it is written in *Galatians 3: 23-29*;

23 Now before faith came, we were kept in custody under the Law, [perpetually] imprisoned [in preparation] for the faith that was destined to be revealed, 24 with the result that the Law has become our tutor and our disciplinarian to guide us to Christ, so that we may be justified, [that is, declared free of the guilt of sin and its penalty, and placed in right standing with God] by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under [the control and authority of] a tutor and disciplinarian. 26 For you [who are born-again have been reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified and] are all children of God [set apart for His purpose with full rights and privileges] through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ [into a spiritual union with the Christ, the Anointed] have clothed yourselves with Christ [that is, you have taken on His characteristics and values]. 28 There is [now no distinction in regard to salvation] neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you [who believe] are all one in Christ Jesus [no one can claim a spiritual superiority]. 29 And if you belong to Christ [if you are in Him], then you are Abraham's descendants, and [spiritual] heirs according to [God's] promise.

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In these verses the Apostle Paul compares the Law to a custodian or tutor (*Governess*).

The word "custodian" in the original Greek manuscript, is translated from the root word *paidagogos παιδαγωγούς*, *Strongs number G3807*, which mostly means teacher or instructor, and from the derivative root word associated to the *Strongs number G3816*, which translates as a children's guide or governess. The Mosaic Law was our "schoolmaster", the servant (*Steward*) who took us to school and scolded us every time we "missed the mark".

A RADICAL CHANGE CAME WITH THE NEW COVENANT

GOD WILL PUT HIS LAW IN OUR INWARD PARTS, AND WRITE IT IN OUR HEARTS;

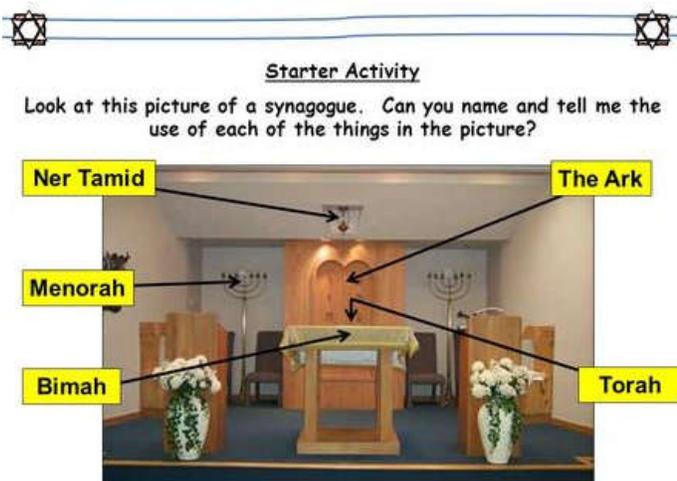
For it is written in *Jeremiah 31: 31-34*;

*31 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: 33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; **After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts;** and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

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Not many Bible translations would put it as the King James Version does, when it reads:

, I will put my law in their inward parts. It really means inside you, as intimate as possible, like a living organ inside your body. It's a direct analogy to the "Ark" inside a Jewish synagogue. There is no place as sacred to the Jewish community like the place where the *Torah* Scrolls are kept inside a synagogue. It's the equivalent to the Holy of Holies in the Jerusalem Temple.



It's referring to the analogy of a synagogue and the place where they keep the LAW scrolls. The Scrolls are treated like a living person. It is the living word, the holy word of YHVH.

But it has been misunderstood by them too, as we have for centuries. When I say we, I mean all of the Church, since The Council of Nicaea, The Catholic Crusades, The Holy Inquisition, The Reformation with Luther and Calvin, The Mormons, The New

Apostolic Reformation (NAR), and so many others that have perverted the word of God.

The Jerusalem Jews missed the mark at Jesus first coming. It took them by surprise. They were expecting a conquering King, not *The Son of Man* on a donkey. They had the **Torah** Scrolls for centuries, analyzed them, copied them, and studied them, adding layers and layers of their own esoteric interpretations and traditions of men. That's why they are still called *The People of the Book*.

Sadly, they were not able to recognize the prophesied coming of their *Kinsman Redeemer*. Their leaders killed all who came to give them a wake up call, the prophets and messengers. They even killed Jesus.

But they kept the Torah inside their inwards parts, inside the synagogue Ark.

In Jeremiah 31:33 it says *After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts;*

The whole of chapter 31 is about a total restoration of Judah and Ephraim, the northern with the southern kingdom, a united Israel with all of their sons and daughters returning from the land of the enemy from where the Lord had dispersed them.

Has this happened? Not yet. Parts of this prophecy is fulfilling since 1948 and 1967.

But the total restoration of Israel has not happened yet. Not all of Judah has come back, not all of Ephraim has returned from the lands where they were dispersed around the world. Israel has only a fraction of the land promised to Abraham.

But still, the land of Israel is coming back to life, with birth pains.

The Lord says, **HE WILL PUT THE TORAH IN THEIR INWARD PARTS. IN THIS NEW COVENANT, IN CHRIST.**

Jeremiah is prophesying to the people of the land of Israel. It matches the prophecy in the book of **Joel**.

For it is written in **Joel 2:28-32**.

28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. 30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. 32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call. King James Version (KJV) Public Domain

In both prophecies they are talking about the nation of Israel, the northern and the southern kingdoms. The dispersed remnant of the 12 tribes at the time of his second return. There is no mention of the gentiles or church for that matter.

In the Old Covenant, Israel is the target for redemption. The promise of the Holy Spirit is made to the people of Israel at the time of the end. And this after God brings retribution and judgment to all of those who attack Israel, his possession. One may conclude that the Ezekiel 38 prophecy about war against Israel, is the fulfillment of these prophecies in Jeremiah and Joel.

So when the Lord says In Jeremiah 31:33 *After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts;* he is talking exclusively about the Judah and Ephraim, all together the 12 tribes of Israel.

Notwithstanding that the Jews didn't receive Jesus as their lawful Messiah, still, a new and better covenant was made, putting aside the old covenant. That was accomplished by the spilled blood of the Lamb, our Lord Jesus crucified. But now, salvation was not exclusive to the nation of Israel, but made available to all those who would hear the gospel and BELIEVE, By Faith IN JESUS.

Israel didn't receive the Messiah, our Lord Jesus. And that changed the game plan.

Now a gate was opened for a wild olive branch to be inserted into the natural Olive Tree of Israel.

As the parable of The Kings Marriage Feast for his Son in Matthew 22 reads;

Matthew 22:1-14

22 Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying, 2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. 3 And he sent his servants to call those who had [previously] been invited to the wedding feast, but they refused to come. 4 Then he sent out some other servants, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, "Look, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fattened calves are butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast."' 5 But they paid no attention [they disregarded the invitation, treating it with contempt] and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. 6 The rest [of the invited guests] seized his servants and mistreated them [insulting and humiliating them] and killed them. 7 The king was enraged [when he heard this], and sent his soldiers and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding [feast] is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9 So go to the main highways that lead out of the city, and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' 10 Those servants went out into the streets and gathered together all the people they could find, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests [sitting at the banquet table]. Amplified Bible (AMP) Copyright © 2015 by The Lockman Foundation, La Habra, CA 90631. All rights reserved.

We gentiles, who were not originally invited to the marriage feast, are now "called out", [*Elektos*], to participate. **We have been grafted into the Olive Tree of Israel.**

For it is written in ***Romans 11:17-24;***

17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you [Gentiles], being like a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among them to share with them the rich root of the olive tree, 18 do not boast over the [broken] branches and exalt yourself at their expense. If you do boast and feel superior, remember that it is not you who supports the root, but the root that supports you. 19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in." 20 That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand by your faith [as believers understanding the truth of Christ's deity]. Do not be conceited, but [rather stand in great awe of God and] fear [Him]; 21 for if God did not spare the natural branches [because of unbelief], He will not spare you either.

22 Then appreciate the gracious kindness and the severity of God: to those who fell [into spiritual ruin], severity, but to you, God's gracious kindness—if you continue in His kindness [by faith and obedience to Him]; otherwise you too will be cut off. 23 And even they [the unbelieving Jews], **if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in;** for God has the power to graft them in again. 24 For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and against nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much easier will it be to graft these who are the natural branches back into [the original parent stock of] their own olive tree?

And It is also written in **Ephesians 3:3-9;**

3 For this reason [because I preach that you and believing Jews are joint heirs] I, Paul, am the prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— 2 assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was entrusted to me [to share with you] for your benefit; 3 and that by [divine] revelation the mystery was made known to me, as I have already written in brief. 4 By referring to this, when you read it you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, 5 which in other generations was not disclosed to mankind, as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by the [Holy] Spirit; 6 [it is this:] **that the Gentiles are now joint heirs [with the Jews] and members of the same body, and joint partakers [sharing] in the [same divine] promise in Christ Jesus through [their faith in] the good news [of salvation].** 7 Of this [gospel] I was made a minister by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of His power. 8 To me, [though I am] the very least of all the saints (God's people), this grace [which is undeserved] was graciously given, to proclaim to the Gentiles the good news of the incomprehensible riches of Christ [that spiritual wealth which no one can fully understand], 9 and to make plain [to everyone] the plan of the mystery [regarding the uniting of believing Jews and Gentiles into one body] which [until now] was kept hidden through the ages in [the mind of] God who created all things.

What all of these verses mean is that when Jesus died and resurrected, A NEW COVENANT was accepted, and validated by God the Father for Jews and Gentiles as ONE NEW MAN. All of Jesus works, summarized in the cross, were accepted as FINAL PAYMENT for OUR DEBT (for our sins). This is the new covenant that was prophesied to the Jews by the prophets in the Bible. The mayor difference is that IN JESUS WE ARE NOW PART OF THE PROMISE OF SALVATION. This is part of the revelation of the mystery that the Apostle Paul received directly from Jesus.

The New Covenant applies to us BY FAITH ALONE, if we only BELIEVE.

WE ARE NOW SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE MOST HIGH GOD

Let's read where the Apostle Paul tells us that we can now approach the throne of grace without fear. We are no longer slaves, without inheritance, homeless or without father. Now we are sons, heirs free.

For thus it is written in **Hebrews 10: 15-23;**

15 And also testifies to us the Holy Spirit; because after saying: **16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord: I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them,** 17 adds; And I will never again remember their sins and transgressions. (Jeremiah 31: 31-33) 18 Now where remission of these, there is no more offering for sin. **19 Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way opened for us through the veil, that is, his flesh, 21 and having a great priest over God's House,**

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. 23 Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he is faithful that promised.

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Friends and Brethren, nothing like this had been pronounced before Jesus, under the system of Mosaic Law.

A BETTER COVENANT.

For it is written in *Hebrews 8: 6-7*;

6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. 7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second.

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The New Covenant in Jesus is not a continuation, nor an extension of the first covenant. Nor is a modified version of the old, but IS A NEW BEGINNING! Jesus redeems us and reconciles us with the Eternal Father FOREVER!

For it is written in *2Corinthians 3:6*;

6 He has enabled us to be ministers of his new covenant. This is a covenant not of written laws, but of the Spirit. The old written covenant ends in death; but under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life.

New Living Translation (NLT)

The Old Covenant condemned us to death, (*The old written covenant ends in death,*) but Jesus redeemed us from death and now in the New Covenant we have abundant life in Him because *under the new covenant, the Spirit gives life.*

THE GLORY OF THE NEW COVENANT

For thus it is written in *2Corinthians 3:7-8*;

7 The old way, with laws etched in stone, led to death, though it began with such glory that the people of Israel could not bear to look at Moses' face. For his face shone with the glory of God, even though the brightness was already fading away. 8 Shouldn't we expect far greater glory under the new way, now that the Holy Spirit is giving life?

I submit to you: What is the ministry of death engraved (etched) in stones that the Apostle Paul referred to in this verse?

It was The Mosaic Law. (*Deuteronomy 27: 1-10*)

The provisions and ceremonial laws were only part of the Mosaic Law and eventually were to cease, with the end of the Levite priesthood, as the Jerusalem Temple was destroyed in the year 70AD. In the New Covenant Jesus was anointed our High Priest in the order of Melchizedek.

For it is written in *2Corinthians 3:9-11*

9 If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God! 10 In fact, that first glory was not glorious at all compared with the overwhelming glory of the new way. 11 So if the old way, which has been replaced, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new, which remains forever!

I submit to you: What was the old way, which brings condemnation and was replaced?

It was the law written in stone. (*Deuteronomy 27: 1-10*)

It was the entire Law of Moses, our schoolmaster until adulthood IN CHRIST.

For it is written in *Galatians 3:24*;

24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

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The Mosaic Law was our schoolmaster, our tutor. While we were under the law, took us by the hand and corrected us when we were doing wrong before God. It punished us. And the punishment was death, as the law we could not perfect us or save us.

The Jaimeson Faucett & Brown Bible Commentary says the following about the passage *Galatians 3:24*;

"The word used in the Greek manuscript was (Strongs number G3807) [*παιδαγωγοῖς paidagogos*] **teachers**. Literally means guardian, servant or slave (in the context of the Greek world in the time of Jesus) who was entrusted with the education and discipline of the child. A governess that kept the child under her eye and control until the child became an adult, and no longer needed such strict supervision. "

In The New Covenant, The Sacred Law Scrolls are in our most inward parts, inside of us. Not like the Jews till this day that keep "the law" inside a box (the ark) in the synagogue. In The New Covenant we have the Law of Jesus, the Spiritual Law, written in our hearts and minds, permanently, always with us. We now have his Holy Spirit Inside of us, when we BELIEVE.

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