

A

Biblical Study

on the

Covenants

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THE COVENANTS

OLD COVENANT

- **Sign = 7th Day Sabbath Keeping = physical rest day 1 day / week**

SEAL OF GOD: 7TH DAY SABBATH

Ex 20:8-12 The Sabbath Commandment to keep it holy .. no work ... in memorial of Creation ... hallowed ... set apart for holy use ... blessed.



The Cross of Jesus Christ is the dividing line between the two Covenants.

NEW COVENANT

- **Sign = Baptism of the Holy Spirit = spiritual rest day 7 days / week**

SEAL OF GOD: HOLY SPIRIT

In **Eph 1:13, 14** In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

rest.

This rest day was to commemorate God as our own works, our own striving and self the Infinite Personal God was the Creator of effort. everything all creation, the Earth and the Universe.

Christ (New Covenant) one day >> Rest through the indwelling Spirit, a ceasing from

As **Heb 4:5-11** the writer talks about rest. The **Rest of the Sabbath**

The **O.C.** cannot be used to judge the **N.C.** as **N.C.** transcends the **O.C.** ie. you cannot quote the **O. C.** eg. *Isa 8:20: saying "To the Law and Testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them"*. The prophet Isaiah was referring to those who sought guidance from wizards and Spirit mediums. He was not referring to those who do not keep a Seventh Day Sabbath.

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In **Eph 1:13, 14**, Paul says the following, *.... in whom also, have you believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory"*.

COMPARISON: 1 Corinthians 15

2 Corinthians 3 >>> see across the Chapter

2 Cor 3: 14, 15: *But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds;*

Moses = Old Testament = Old Covenant (includes the Ten Commandments along with all the Old Testament laws) >> A veil on the Jews hearts and minds to the fact that in Jesus Christ it has been done away with.

2 Cor 3:18: *And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.*

IMPLICATIONS OF THIS OUTLOOK: THE TWO COVENANTS

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Was not based on faith (Gal 3:12)

(Gal 3:13) "The law is not based on faith; (Gal 3:23) Before this faith came, we were on the contrary; "the man who does these things will live by them."

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Is to bring faith Gal 3:23

held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed.

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Brought with it a curse:

(Gal 3:13 NIV) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree".

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Ended this same curse Gal 3:13

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Became as worthless trash. Phil 3:8.

(Phil 3:8 NIV) what is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them (matters of the law) rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

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Gives us hope.

(Gal 5:15 NIV) But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope.

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Brought death: Rom 7:9, 2 Cor 3:5-7

(Rom 7:9 NIV) Once I was alive apart from the law; but when the commandment came, sin sprang to life.

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Still brings life. 2 Cor 3:6, Gal 5:25

(2 Cor 3:6 NIV) for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

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

(Gal 5:25 NIV) Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

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Was without power:

(Rom 8:3 NIV) For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his Son as mediator of a new covenant that those who are called may receive the promised eternal

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Promises eternal inheritance.

(Heb 9:15 NIV) For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant that those who are called may receive the promised eternal

Son in the likeness of sinful man,

inheritance -- now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins commit

(Gal 4:9) But now that you know God --- or rather are known by God -- how is it that you are turning back those weak and miserable principles ? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again ?

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It's glory disappeared: 1 Cor 3:7

(1Cor 3:7 NIV) Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory' so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was,

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Has greater lasting glory. 2 Cor 3:11

(2 Cor 3:11 NIV) And what if what was much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

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Stood opposed to us: Col 2:14-16

(Col 2:14) Having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and stood opposed to us: he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

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Provided an Advocate in Christ.

(Heb 10:10 NIV)we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ **once and for all.**

(Col 2:15 NIV) And having disarmed the powers and authorities' he made a public spectacle of them' triumphing over them by the cross.

(Heb 10:10 NIV) "This is the covenant I **will make with them after that time,** says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds".

(Col 2:16 NIV) Therefore, do not let anyone judge you by what eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.

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Needed to be replaced: Heb 8:7

(Heb 8:7 NIV) For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.

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Is an everlasting Covenant.

(Heb 9:15 NIV) For this reason Christ is called the mediator of the new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised ETERNAL inheritance.

(Heb 8:17NIV) By calling this covenant "new", he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.

(2 Cor 3:11 NIV) And what if what was much greater is the glory **of that which lasts!**

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Was only a shadow: Heb 10:1

(Heb 10: 1 NIV) *The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming -- not the realities themselves.*

(Col 2:17 NIV) *These are a shadow of things to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.*

(Heb 8:5 NIV) *They serve at a sanctuary that is copy and shadow of what is in heaven*

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Was ready to disappear: Heb 8:13

(Heb 8:13) *By calling this covenant "new", he has made the first one obsolete and aging, will soon disappear.*

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Christ ended O.C. for unity:

(Eph 2:15) *by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, (Jews and Gentiles) thus making peace.*

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The real substance.

(Col 2:17 NIV) *These are a shadow of the things to come, **the reality, however, is found in Christ.***

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Superior to the O.C. 2 Cor 3:7-11

(2 Cor 3:7) *Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though*

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Sole purpose is Unity of His Body.

(Eph 1:10 NIV) *.... to bring all things in heaven and on earth together **under one head, even Christ.***

(Eph 2:14 NIV) *For He himself is our peace, **who has made the two one** and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.*

(Eph 2:15 NIV) *..... His purpose was to create in himself **one new man** out of the two, thus making peace.*

(Eph 2:19 NIV) *Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, **but fellow citizens with God's** people and members of God's household.*

(Eph 4:4 NIV) There is one body and one Spirit -- just as you are called to one hope when you were called --

(Eph 4:12 NIV) to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.

(Eph 4:13 NIV) until we reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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Must be set aside: Heb 7:18

(Heb 7:18 NIV) The former regulations is set aside because it was weak and useless.

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Came as a better hope. Heb 7:19

(Heb 7:19 NIV) (for the law made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

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Had to be changed: Heb 7:12

(Heb 7:12 NIV) For there is a change of priesthood, there must also be a change of law.

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Superior, promising better things Heb 8:6

(Heb 8:6 NIV) 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 is founded on better promises

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Only a Guardian until Christ: Gal 3:24-25

(Gal 3:25 NIV) Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.

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Christ, THE fulfilment.

(Gal 3:24 NIV) So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that might be justified by faith.

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Held us prisoners: Gal 3:23

(Gal 3:23 NIV) Before this (Christ) came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed

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Set us free by faith Gal 3:23

(Gal 3:23 NIV) Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith (Christ) should be revealed.

(Gal 4:9 NIV)Do you wish to be enslaved by them(O.C. rules) all over again? You are observing special days

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Closes our minds: 2 Cor 3:15

(2 Cor 3:15 NIV) Even to this day when the law of Moses is read, a veil covers their minds.

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Takes away the veil of sin.

*(2 Cor 3:16 NIV) When anyone turns to the Lord, **the veil is taken away.***

*(2 Cor 3:17 NIV) Now the Lord the Spirit, and where the Lord is, **there is freedom.***

*(2 Cor 3:18 NIV) And we who with **unveiled faces** all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

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Alienates & robs life: Gal 5:4

(Gal 5:4 NIV) You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from

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Gives assurance before God now. 2 Cor 3:4

(2 Cor 3:4 NIV) Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God.

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Ended by Christ: Rom 10:4

(Rom 10:4 NIV) Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who

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Came by Christ.

(Heb 7:22 NIV) Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

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Jews only born into promise:

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Non hereditary - free gift to all who are born again.

Given only by Angels: Gal 3:19

(Gal 3:19 NIV) The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator. (Moses

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Given by OATH of God Heb 7: 20-22, 6;13

(Heb 7:20 NIV) and it was without an oath!

*(Heb 7:21 NIV) but he became a priest **with an. oath** when God said to him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: `You are a priest forever"*

*(Heb 7:28 NIV) For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; **but the oath which came after** the law appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.*

(Heb 7:22 NIV) Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant.

*(Heb 6:13 NIV) When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, **he swore by himself.***

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Needed a mediator:

*(Gal 3:19 NIV) The law was put into effect through angels by **a mediator.** (Moses)*

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No mediator necessary Gal 3:19 - 20

*(Gal 3:19 NIV) The law **was put into effect through angels by a mediator.** A mediator, however, does not represent just one party; but **God** is one.*

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Made a single nation:

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For all individuals (including Gentiles)

Offers redemption & DEMANDS righteous:

Offers redemption & righteous:

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Can't do enough to honour it:

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Christ did it all. (We respond, He enables)

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Was a written code:

*(Heb 9:4 NIV)**the stone tablets of the covenant.***

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Is of the Spirit. 2 Cor 3:6

*(2 Cor 3:3 NIV) written not with ink but **with the Spirit of the living God,** not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.*

*(2 Cor 3:3 NIV) ...written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, **not on tablets of stone** but tablets of human hearts.*

*(2 Cor 3:6 NIV) He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant – **not of the letter but of the Spirit;** for the letter kills but the Spirit gives life.*

26/ `Walk in the Spirit'

*Paul in **Romans 8:1-2** `There is therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ*

Jesus who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit for the

law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. there can be a further baptism in the Spirit separate to our water baptism.

SOME FURTHER PERSPECTIVES:

- **Pointed forward** to the coming MESSIAH
- **The whole New Testament (NT) written** from within the view of life lived in the N.C. >> pointing forward to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ

SOME FURTHER PERSPECTIVES:

- **Brought life and immortality:**
2 Tim 1:10`Annulled death ... made it of no effect ... brought life and immortality ... that that is immunity from death ... to light through the Gospel
 - **Eternal Life** as a result of Christ's doing and dying, not my doing.
 - **Same power** that raised Jesus from the dead, is at work in you.
 - **Spiritual Life in NC** >> Lead to giving of Holy Spirit, Spiritual Gifts and Fruit. >> *Speaking messages of wisdom Word of wisdom, faith, gifts of healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, different kinds of tongues, the interpretation of tongues*
 - **Worship of God** = awesome ... of the type described in Revelation
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