

New Covenant

The Ministry of the New Covenant

Review

One of the reasons God has led us to change our name, so that we could begin to more deliberately use the 'language' of covenant to our culture.

We talked about coming into covenant with God, with other members of a local church, and, more importantly, becoming a person of covenant within yourself.

- Many people are living under the “Old Covenant” and thus the gospel is not “good news”. *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 in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*** ¹¹ *None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.* ¹² ***For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.***

¹³ In that He says, “*A new covenant,*” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old **is ready to vanish away.** - Heb. 8:10-13

The Glory of the New Covenant

2 Cor. 3:4-12

The Main Effect of Coming into Covenant With God.

⁴ *And we have such trust through Christ toward God.* ⁵ *Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but **our sufficiency is from God,***

The Ministry of the Law versus the Ministry of the Holy Spirit

⁶ *who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for **the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.***

⁷ *But if the ministry of **death**, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,* ⁸ *how will the ministry of the **Spirit** not be more glorious?*

The Coming Judgment versus the Gift of Righteousness

⁹ *For if the ministry of **condemnation** had glory, the ministry of **righteousness** exceeds much more in glory.* ¹⁰ *For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels*

The Fruit of the Impartation of Righteousness

¹¹ *For if what is passing away was glorious, **what remains is much more glorious.***
Rom. 3:23 - *for all have sinned and fall short of **the glory of God,***

The Result in Our “Ministry”

¹² *Therefore, since we have such hope, we use **great boldness of speech—***