

SINGLE ALLIANCE

The Covenants- Pt. 7- The Mosaic Covenant- Pt. 2

I. Introduction

A. Last week began our study of the Mosaic Covenant.

B. Recap

1. The Mosaic Covenant is a mosaic- 613 individual commands that operate as a whole complete picture that must be kept intact. If it is broken in any place, the entire Law is broken. The wages for breaking the Law is death.

[[Rom 6:23](#)]

2. The sacrifices were given by God so man would not have to die, but also to teach about the only way man can be made right with God- through the shed blood and death of an innocent substitute- Jesus Christ

3. The Mosaic Covenant was given 430 years after the Abrahamic Covenant. The Mosaic Covenant did not replace the Abrahamic Covenant. It was "ADDED" to it. [[Gal 3:19](#)] The word "added" in Greek is **prosthesis**. The Mosaic Covenant was a **prosthesis** that was added to the Abrahamic Covenant because it was incomplete, just like a prosthesis is added to an incomplete limb.

4. The Abrahamic Covenant was incomplete in that it **did not reveal God's holy nature and hatred of sin, man's nature of depravity, and what the Seed of Abraham would have to do to bless the nations.**

II. Sin and Death

A. The Mosaic Law was given by God to reveal man's two main problems.

B. Man had two main problems.

1. Man became a **sinner** because of Adam's transgression- man has bad blood! He is pulled towards evil due to the power of sin. [[Rom 5:19](#)]

2. Man through sin became **dead towards God** and was incapable to producing life or works approved by God. [[Rom 5:12](#)]

C. Illustration: Clock in front of the classroom. It is plugged into the wall and is receiving the life of electricity. It is operating as the manufacturer designed it. This clock is like man before he fell. Man was alive before he sinned and operated as he was designed. When man sinned, he died. If I pull the plug out of the wall, and the clock dies! The clock still exists, but it is severed from the life of electricity. This is the same thing that happened to man. When sin entered into man, he died and was severed from the life of God. He then was

incapable to produce life or do works that God approves. He can only produce dead works. [[Heb. 6:1, 9:14](#)]

D. Without the Mosaic Covenant man could not see these two problems! He was a sinner and was dead towards God. Man needed righteousness and life. Before the Law was given man thought they could produce righteousness by their own works- [[Deu 6:24-25](#)]. Man thought they could produce life by their own works- [[Lev 18:5](#)]

E. The Law revealed **A LAW OF SIN** working in man- the tendency to rebel and do evil. The Law revealed this law of sin in man. This revealed to man he was a sinner [rebel] in need of righteousness.

F. The Law also revealed **A LAW OF DEATH** working in man- the inability to produce righteousness and life. The Law revealed this law of death in man and his need for God's life. Death is not a ceasing to exist, but a severing from life and the ability to produce righteousness and life and to function as God designed.

G. [[Rom 7:15-24](#)]- The Law revealed to Paul the law of sin and death working in his flesh and the need for Christ to free Him!

[Rom 7:14](#) For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin. **[LAW OF SIN]**

[Rom 7:15](#) For what I am doing, I do not understand. **[THE LAW OF SIN]** For what I will to do, that I do not practice; **[THE LAW OF DEATH]** but what I hate, that I do. **[THE LAW OF SIN]**

[Rom 7:16](#) If, then, I do what I will not to do **[LAW OF SIN]**, I agree with the law that *it is* good.

[Rom 7:17](#) But now, *it is* no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. **[LAW OF SIN]**

[Rom 7:18](#) For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find. **[THE LAW OF DEATH]**

[Rom 7:19](#) For the good that I will *to do*, I do not do; **[THE LAW OF DEATH]** but the evil I will not *to do*, that I practice. **[THE LAW OF SIN]**

[Rom 7:20](#) Now if I do what I will not *to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me. **[LAW OF SIN]**

[Rom 7:21](#) I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good. **[LAW OF SIN AND DEATH]**

[Rom 7:22](#) For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. **[LAW OF DEATH]**

[Rom 7:23](#) But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

[LAW OF SIN]

[Rom 7:24](#) O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? **[LAW OF DEATH]**

- H. Paul through the Mosaic Covenant came to the end of himself. The Law revealed the law of sin and death in his flesh and His need for righteousness and life from God. Count how many times he used the word "I" in the passage above! The Law revealed to Paul that the power of sin and death worked in his flesh. In his flesh he was dead towards God and that he could not live as he ought by his own will power and resources. The Mosaic Covenant did its job in showing Paul that in his flesh he was bound to sin and death and he needed God's gift of righteousness and life. He knew he could not find righteousness and life within himself so He turned to Jesus Christ for them! [[Rom 7:24](#)] This was the purpose of the Law! It was a tutor to bring man to Christ to receive righteousness and life that would produce the fruit of righteousness and life in man. [[Gal 3:24-25](#)]
- I. [[Rom 8:2](#)]- The **Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus** has set me free from **the law of sin and death!**
- J. Most Christians are still trying to live the Christian life by their flesh. They are trying to live by their own will power and resources. Our flesh is no better than an unbeliever's flesh. In our flesh the power of sin and death reign. If we try to produce righteousness and the Christian life by our own flesh then we will experience what Paul experienced! We will do what we don't want to do, and we will not be able to do what we do want to do. The only way we can overcome the law of sin and death is to place our faith in the exchange found at the cross of Jesus Christ.
- K. Christians can either try to live under the Law and by their flesh, or by grace and the power of the Spirit of Jesus working in them.
- L. The Law completed the deficiencies of the Abrahamic Covenant. The Law revealed God's holy nature and hatred of sin, man's depravity and need for salvation, and what Jesus would have to do to bring blessing to the nations.
- M. The New Covenant is where Jesus delivers us from sin and death through His finished work on the cross, and gives us the gift of His own righteousness and His own life! This righteousness and life empowers us to a supernatural God-honoring life! We will study this next week!