

GSM
The New Covenant
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I. The Pillars of the New Covenant

- A. The Law and Prophets pointed to the need for the New Covenant
1. [Isaiah 1:16]- Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean
 2. [Ezek 18:31]- Get for yourself a new heart and spirit
 3. [Jeremiah 13:23]- Man cannot change his nature, but God can
- B. The New Covenant prophesied
1. [Jeremiah 31:33-34]/ [Hebrews 8:11]- Put laws in mind and heart
 2. [Ezekial 11:19-20]- new spirit
 3. [Ezekial 36:25-27]- God gives 7 "I wills"- Grace is where God does the work.
- C. 4 Pillars of the New Covenant- [Ezek. 36:25-27]
1. **A new purity**- I will wash you and make you clean- forgiveness of sin and righteousness is imputed [legally placed on our account]
 - a. [Ephesians 1:7]- all sins forgiven
 - b. [Colossian 2:13]- all trespasses forgiven
 - c. [Hebrews 10:12]- one offering was given for sins for all time.
 - d. When we sin our conscience bothers us. Confessing of sin cleanses our conscience. Confession of sin is not for God but for us. Without a clear conscience we have no confidence before God. We receive from God by faith.
 - e. [Romans 4:23-24] We are declared righteous- just as we ought to be; innocent.
 2. **A new person**- We receive a new heart/spirit- Righteousness is imparted to us in the new creation.
 - a. [Ephesians 4:24]- We are created in righteousness and true holiness.
 - b. [2 Cor. 5:21]- We are made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus
 - c. [Titus 3:5]- Washing of regeneration- RE-GENE-eration!
 3. **A new passion**- We get a new inclination towards God in our inmost heart
 - a. [Romans 7:22]- We delight in the things of God when we are saved.
 - b. [Phil 2:13]- God works in us to will and do of His good pleasure

4. **A new power**- The Holy Spirit has been placed within our heart to cause us to walk in God's statutes- The Spirit will **cause** us to walk as we should, not **make** us walk. A airplane **causes** us to fly, but we have a choice to get into one. Planes don't **make** us fly. We must choose to be led and empowered by the Spirit. What the Law does not provide in fulfilling his will, God gives in the New Covenant.

- a. [**Gal. 5:16, 18**]
- b. [**Romans 8:2, 4**]
- c. [**Romans 8:13-14**]

II. The Provision of the New Covenant

A. Under the Law you had to supply all the resources and works to satisfy God.

1. [**Deut 8:1**]- You must observe to do all...

B. Under the New Covenant God has done all the work and you receive it by faith

1. [**Isaiah 26:12**]- God has done all our works in us
2. [**Hebrews 10:12**]- Jesus performed the works God demanded from us and sat down

C. Under Law you must perform and then you will be blessed.

1. [**Deut. 28:1-2**]

D. Under the New Covenant God has blessed us which leads us to live a God honoring life.

1. [**Ephesians 1:3**]- We are blessed with every blessing before we are commanded to do anything which starts in chapter 4:1.

E. Under the Law you were commanded to work

1. If you will do all...

F. Under the Law you are called to bear fruit

1. [**John 15:5**]

G. Under the New Covenant God will not ask from you that He has not first deposited within you. God just puts a demand upon the resources He has placed within you under the New Covenant.

H. God placed the root of Grace in your heart. This root is the Spirit of Jesus Christ. From this root you bear His fruit by faith.

1. [**Gal. 5:22-23**]- Fruit of the Spirit
2. [**Romans 7:4**]- We are in union with Christ and bear fruit

I. The tree of life is now within us. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil is in our flesh. We pick each day which tree we will live from.

J. We can trust in being righteous by faith or we can try to become righteous by our works and efforts. We can trust we have been made

free from sin, healed, and prospered or we can try to become free, healed, and prospered by our works we offer to God.

K. God has provided through finished work of redemption everything we need to bear fruit.

L. God has provided the root of all we need in His grace. Once we believe we draw upon this root and produce the fruit.