

## SINGLE ALLIANCE

### The Covenants- Pt. 9- The New Covenant- Pt. 2

#### I. Introduction

- A. Last week we began our study on the New Covenant.
- B. Recap from last week
  1. It fulfilled and established the Abrahamic Covenant forever
  2. It fulfilled and removed the Mosaic Covenant forever
  3. God's point under the Law can be summed up in [Ezek. 18:31]- cleanse yourselves and get a new heart and spirit for yourselves! This is something impossible for man to do for himself!
  4. What man could not provide the New Covenant does! [Ezek. 36:25-27]
  5. Jesus was our covenant representative in which He gave to God the assets of perfect humanity, but also brought man's debts for God to pay through the shedding of divine blood. God gave to man all His assets in exchange. He had no liabilities or debts.
- C. The Words of the Covenant are the New Testament epistles outlining what is in the covenant, the blood of the covenant is the blood of Jesus Christ, and the seal of the covenant is the Holy Spirit

#### II. Freedom from the law of sin and death through the covenant representative

- A. The Mosaic Law revealed man's two problems- sin and death- Man was a sinner that was driven towards sin, and he also was dead towards God and was incapable of producing works acceptable to Him. Man was under the power of both the law of sin and death. [Romans 7:14-23]
- B. Jesus came to do what the Law could not do. He came to condemn sin in the flesh, [Romans 8:4] and abolish death and bring in life [2 Tim. 1:10]
- C. Man can be freed from the power of sin **only one way**. I can promise you that if you have any problem with any sin in your life that if you come forward and let me minister to you that you will never commit that sin again. Before you run up here, let me tell you how I will minister to you. I am going to hit you in the head with a hammer and kill you! Then you will never have trouble with sin again! Death frees us from the power of sin. [Romans 6:7] There are no sins committed in a grave yard!

D. The penalty for sin is death, but once death is fully achieved- physical death- sin has no more power- sin has to have a body to work through.

E. When someone dies they pay the penalty for sin which is death, but they cannot go free because they have no life to do so. Just like when a death row inmate is executed and pays their debt to society cannot go free after he dies, because he is dead and has no power to get up and go free.

F. Mankind is held in death. If only man could die, be freed from sin's control, and then have the power and life to rise from the dead, he could enjoy that freedom! What is impossible for man is possible with God.

G. Jesus came to earth as man's representative. He lived 33 years accumulating assets for humanity to give to God at the cross. At the cross Jesus assumed all the liabilities of man- sin, sins, curses, etc. and then he paid the ultimate price for them which was death. What He did He did for us and as us. What happened to Him happened to us. When he died, we died! When he died he died to the power of sin. When He died to the power of sin, we died to the power of sin. This is a legal transaction of covenant.

H. Now having died to sin by way of a representative is wonderful, but what is more amazing and wonderful, is that Jesus had the power and authority to raise Himself up again out of death. **[John 10:18]** When he was raised up in new life and power, so were we, because we were in our representative!

I. When we received Christ we received this new life on the inside of us! The old sinner we were died and we were born again with the life of God. This was salvation of our spirit.

J. We still live in an unredeemed body with the nature of sin in it. We need sanctification and to live above sin in our daily lives. If we know and receive what was done at the cross and by the New Covenant we can by faith appropriate the death of Jesus as our own and be freed from the control of the law of sin in our life. Then we can by faith appropriate the life of God in us to empower us to do works acceptable to God and be freed from the law of death. By the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus He has set us free from the law of sin and death! **[Romans 8:2]**

K. **[Romans 6:11]**- This is admonition to appropriate the death and resurrection of Jesus as your own.

L. **[2 Cor. 4:11-12]**- Paul lived this out in his own life!

M. **[Romans 8:11-13]**- The Spirit of Jesus within the believer works the death and the life of Jesus into the mortal body. He kills the evil deeds

[**overcomes the law of sin**] and then provides life and power to perform what could not be done before [**overcomes the law of death**]

N. I gave the illustration of the clock in the front of the classroom. I showed that when sin entered into man, that death entered into him, and he was unplugged from the life of God. I unplugged the clock and it died! Then, I explained that Jesus came to bear our sin, and then restore life to us. I plugged the clock back in and it came to life. However, it did not show the correct time! It had to be reset. This is the way it is with us! We must reset our mind to what God has done for us in the New Covenant.

1. We must renew our minds to our new identity in Christ Jesus.
2. We must lay aside our attempts to produce our own righteousness and life [**this is living under Law**], and receive them as gifts through Jesus Christ. We must draw upon the power of the cross and resurrection by our faith [**this is living under grace**].

### **III. Misconceptions about grace**

A. Grace is not the removal of consequences of our actions. [**Gal. 6:7-8**] The removal of our sins and any removal of consequences of our sin is God's mercy. Grace is positive righteousness, life, and power given to man to live a God honoring life. Grace does not free you to sin; it empowers you and liberates you from sin. Being under grace is not a license to sin. It is a license to be free from sin! If you live in sin you are not under grace! [**Romans 8:14**

B. Grace is not lawlessness. We are not to try to live under the Mosaic Law but we are not without law towards God. [**1 Cor. 9:21**] We should live by the law of faith [**Romans 3:27**] and the law of love [**John 13:34**]. Both of these tap into the grace of God for a God honoring life!