

THE OLD AND NEW COVENANTS



The Old Covenant refers to the agreement that was initially made at Mount Sinai with the children of Israel. It required obedience to the letter of God's law. It promised that a person or a nation would be physically blessed (health, wealth, etc.) or cursed (e.g. poverty, captivity, etc.) depending on whether or not they obeyed all of God's written commandments and statutes. We understand the purpose of the Old Covenant was to bring us to our need of a Savior. It was the Jesus Christ who fulfilled the Old and established the New Covenant with Israel and with all who would believe on Him.

The New Covenant, established by the blood of Christ in the earth, is a fulfillment of the covenant made with Abraham by God in Genesis. It is received not through physical sacrifice of the receiver, but through faith (a spiritual choice of the heart). It is based on belief from the heart that God raised Jesus from the dead and a confession with the mouth of the Lordship of Christ Jesus. It promises an eternal life full of love and glory for those who believe and confess and assurance of eternal death for those who do not, in this life on earth, make that decision.



NEW COVENANT

An agreement based on spiritual promises of faith in the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus.

John 3:16; Hebrews 8:6, 9:15;

Romans 8; Luke 18:29 – 30

**Confirmed agreement established through spiritual circumcision wrought through believing with one's heart and confessing with one's mouth
Acts 2:38, 3:19; Romans 2:25 - 29; Romans 10:9-10 Phil 3:3, Col. 2:11-13**

**True Believers have God's Spirit indwelling them
Matthew 5:21 - 48, Romans 7:6,
Galatians 2:20; Hebrews 8:10-12**

OLD COVENANT

An agreement based on physical animal sacrifices of atonement.

Exodus 19:5 - 6;

Deuteronomy 28; Leviticus 26

**Confirmed agreement established through physical circumcision and adherence to the Law established at Mt. Sinai
Genesis 17:9;
Exodus 12:48; John 7:22**

**People were not given God's Spirit to indwell them, The Spirit could only come upon them.
Romans 7:6; Hebrews 8:7 - 9;
Matthew 5:21 - 45**