

The New Covenant Defined
Hebrews 9:15-28

"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.

Jeremiah 31:31

Introduction

➤ **Covenant**—an agreement, usually formal between two or more persons to do or not to do something. The conditional promises made to man by God as revealed in the scriptures.

➤ Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3)

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➤ Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 24:1-8)

What was the first covenant? (Genesis 2:7-9)

What was the first sin? (Genesis 3:1-6)

What was the first spiritual need? (Hebrews 9:14, Genesis 3:7)

What was the first recorded death? (Genesis 3:21)

Proposition: *Everyone will die and everyone will face God's judgment. You will either be judged on the basis of your own works, which condemn you, or you will be judged on the basis of Christ's work, which will save you.*

I. _____ Validates the Covenant (Hebrews 9:16)

II. _____ Validates Forgiveness (Hebrews 9:18-22, Leviticus 17:11, Exodus 24:1-8, Genesis 15:7, Matthew 26:28, 1 Corinthians 6:20)

A. _____ of a covenant involved blood

B. The blood is _____.

C. _____ is a very costly thing.

III. _____ Validates Judgment (Hebrews 9:23-28, Jude 1:24, Philippians 2:9, Hebrews 1:3, 2 Corinthians 5:21)

A. The Old Covenant was an _____ substitute for the _____ New Covenant.

B. Christ entered into the very presence of God for _____ and _____.

➤ *God is immeasurably satisfied with Jesus. God is not satisfied with us, however... Jesus is the only one who satisfies the Father, and therefore no one comes to Him except through Jesus. The idea that God accepts us just as we are is utterly unbiblical. We come to Jesus just as we are, since there is nothing worthwhile we can bring. But He does not present us to the Father just as we are. We are totally unrepresentable. When Jesus presents us to the Father, He presents us in Himself..."*

John MacArthur

C. The substitution is _____.

D. The substitution was _____ by God and _____ His judgment.

Application

- *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. ¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men..."*
- 2 Corinthians 5:10
- Will you be judged on the basis of your own dead works or the perfect atoning work of Christ?