OLD TESTAMENT TRUTHS FOR NEW TESTAMENT DISCIPLES

Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke while I was still with you, that ***all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me"*** (Lu. 24:44).

Chapter 1 – THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COVENANTS

THE TWO COVENANTS

The Old Testament is filled with prophecies about a coming "Anointed Servant of God". It also tells the history of a people we know as the Jews (AKA Israelites)

The New Testament is about the teaching and miracles, life, death, and resurrection of the One whom Christians recognize as fulfilling of the prophecies about the promised **Messiah**. *p. 9*

***Because of sin, innocence was lost and the relationship between God and man was* ruined.** *p. 9*

God's relationship with mankind was given to Moses; based on *covenant* obligations *p. 10*

> *Then the Lord said to Moses,* "***Write these words, for according to the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel*** (Ex. 34:27). *p. 10*
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> *I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that* ***I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing;*** *therefore, choose life, that both you and your descendants may live (*Deu. 30:15-19). *p. 11*

No one can live up to the demands of the law. The sin nature keeps us moving into trouble with God. A new covenant was needed. p. 11

> "For ***what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh****, ….* (Ro. 8:3a). p. 11
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> *For on the one hand there is an* ***annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness****, 19 for* ***the law made nothing perfect****; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God (Heb. 7:18-19*). p. 12

The 1st covenant was not able to make us live right. Our heart is rebellious because of sin.
A tape measure shows if a board of wood is long enough to meet the need. However,
a tape measure is unable to make a board longer if it is too short!
The law can only show if we are measuring up, or messing up in living for God! p. 12

The 2nd covenant makes a way for the human heart to be *changed* *from the inside*.

> *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new* (2 Co. 5:17). p. 12

THE NEW TESTAMENT WAS FORETOLD IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

The prophet Jeremiah lived about **600 years BEFORE** Jesus was born. God spoke through him that He was going to establish a NEW covenant. p. 12, 13

> *Behold, **the days are coming**, says the Lord, **when I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—32 **not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers** in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, **My covenant which they broke,** though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: **I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their *hearts*; and I will be their God and they shall be My people*** (Jer. 31:31-33). p. 13

THE NEW COVENANT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS p. 13

When people invite Jesus into their life, they receive a "new heart." We enter into a ***personal*** *relationship* with God. p. 14

> *How much more shall **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself without spot to God, **cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God**.* 15 And for this reason *He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant*, … (Heb. 9:14-15a). p. 14

> For ***the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me *free* from the law of sin and death*** (Ro. 8:2). p. 14