



**TWO OF THE  
COVENANTS!**

## **THE TWO MAJOR COVENANTS.**

**The Old Testament records in great detail the law of Moses, which was given only to the Israelite nation. Deut 5:1-3; Exod 35:**

**God's unfailing love was shown throughout these ages for all righteous people.**

**We know little of the laws God gave to OTHER people of that period except that they were referred to as RIGHTEOUS or SINFUL showing that God HAD a LAW for them. Rom 2:14-15;.**

**The bible explains that the special care given to the Israelite nation (descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob) was for the purpose of blessing all nations with a saviour for the entire world.**

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The bible clearly shows that this **SPECIAL** law was given **only to the Israelites**, was **FULFILLED in Christ**, and is **no longer in effect after the death of Jesus**. Col 2:13-14; Heb 9:15-17;

**With the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ**, God gave a **NEW universal law and covenant** for all men. **Understanding this**, is important as we come to determine which commandments in the bible apply to us today

2 Tim 2:15; says "**do your best to present yourself to God** as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and **who CORRECTLY handles the WORD of truth.**" We need to be like this today.

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The authoritative will of God, Christ, and the apostles is revealed in the scripture.

The written word of God is the standard of authority now.

**1. It is preserved in written form.**

John 20:30-31, 2 Pet. 1:3; 3:15-17;

**2. It is written under direct inspiration of the Spirit of God.** 2 Tim. 3:16-17, 1 Cor 2:12-13; 1 Thess 2:13;

**3. It is permanent.**

It has been delivered once and for all Jude 3;

**4. It is complete and perfect as given in original – not to be altered.**

Jn 16:13; Eph 4:12-13; Rev 22:18-19; Gal 1:6-8;

**5. It contains the Gospel of God.** Romans 1:16-17;

# THE TWO MAJOR COVENANTS.

The important question is:- what part or parts of the Bible can be used to direct our lives today?

We will need to understand the **two major Covenants (Testaments, Wills, AGREEMENTS.)** and which writings of the Bible fall under each one.

We will also have to make a distinction between the **gospel of salvation** and the **moral principles** which ought to be characteristic of God's people in all times.

# EXPLANATION OF THE TWO TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.

**A Testament or Covenant or Agreement is a statement of the will of the one who makes it.**

**The covenant must contain specific information about the parties involved, the requirements and obligations of each party, and the results which can be expected from keeping or not keeping it.**

**In both the Old and New Testaments God specified the terms and imposed His will upon those to be included or excluded from covenant.**

## **EXPLANATION OF THE TWO TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.**

**Man can decide for himself whether or not he will accept the terms of the covenant & abide by them.  
But man cannot change any part of the covenant.**

**If one accepts the covenant and submits to its requirements, he has fellowship with God, and can expect to receive all the blessings and benefits specified in the covenant.**

**If one rejects the covenant, Or one departs from the covenant he/she once accepted, He/she forfeits all blessings and benefits previously enjoyed. Ezekiel 18:21-24; Hebrews 6:1-8;**

# EXPLANATION OF THE TWO TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.

The Bible refers to a number of Covenants God made with both individuals and with nations.

But in this lesson we want to focus on the **two major Covenants** that effect His people of the past and us today.

We recognise and refer to **two major Testaments or Covenants or Agreements of God with man**, and they are significantly different.

# EXPLANATION OF THE TWO TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.

By **"Old Testament"** we refer to God's arrangement with Israel (the Jewish people).

**It is called the Mosaic Law.** (of Moses and the prophets). John 1:17; 7:23; Matt 5:17; etc.

**It is summarized in the ten commandments.**

Exodus 34:27-28; 1 King 8-9; and 21; Jer 31:31-34;.

It contains the terms of salvation, the activities of worship, and the laws regulating Ceremonial and social relationships, etc,

**for the Jewish people.** See Exodus / Leviticus.

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By "**New Testament**" we mean God's arrangement or agreement with His family through Jesus Christ.

**It is a greater and better covenant than the Old Testament. Hebrews 8;**

**Better law.** Heb 7:12, 19, 24;

**Better sacrifice.** (provision for removal of sin).

Heb 8:7-8, 9:23, 10:1-14;

**Better Mediator.** Heb 8:1-6;

**Better priesthood.** Heb 7:11; 20-28; and 4:14-16;

**Better promises and Better hope.** Heb 8-6; 6:13-20;

# **EXPLANATION OF THE TWO TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.**

**The Old Testament was temporary.  
The New Testament is permanent and final.**

**Heb 9:10; 8:13; 13:20;**

**The old mainly was limited to the nation of Israel,  
(the Jewish Nation).**

**But the new is universal. All persons in  
the world are included in the offer God makes  
under the New Testament. Rom. 1:16-17;**

**There is greater punishment for neglect and abuse  
or disobedience under the New Testament.**

**Heb 2:1-4; 10:26-29;**

# **EXPLANATION OF THE TWO TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.**

## **The N.T.**

**Contains the Gospel of Salvation,  
the Activities of Worship,  
the Laws regulating Social  
Relationships, etc,  
for CHRISTIANS Today.**

# **THE MOSIACAL LAW WAS GIVEN TO ISRAEL ONLY -**

**Deuteronomy 4:1-8 "Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the judgments which I teach you to observe, that you may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers is giving you.**

**2 You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.**

**3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal Peor; for the LORD your God has destroyed from among you all the men who followed Baal of Peor.**

**4 But you who held fast to the LORD your God are alive today, every one of you.**

**5 Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments,  
just as the LORD my God commanded me,  
that you should act according to them  
in the land which you go to possess.**

**6 Therefore be careful to observe them;  
for this is your wisdom and your understanding  
in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these  
statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation  
is a wise and understanding people.'**

**7 For what great nation is there that has God  
so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us,  
for whatever reason we may call upon Him? 8 And  
what great nation is there that has such statutes and  
righteous judgments as are in all this law  
which I set before you this day?"**

# TWO MAJOR TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.

## THE OLD COVENANT INCLUDED THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

**Exo 34:28; “So he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And He wrote on the tablets the words of the covenant, the Ten Commandments.”**

**Deu 4:13 “So He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote them on two tablets of stone.”**

## **A NEW COVENANT WAS PROPHESED - Jer 31:31-**

**32 "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;"**

**"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 new covenant I will make with  
the people of Israel on that day," says the Lord.**

**"I will put my laws in their minds, and  
I will write them on their hearts.**

**I will be their God, and they will be my people."**

# **THE NEW TESTAMENT / COVENANT.**

## **TODAY GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS SON AND A NEW COVENANT - Hebrews 1:1-2**

**“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;”**

**Jesus established a new covenant. - Mark 14:24;**

**“And He said to them, “This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.”**

# THE NEW TESTAMENT / COVENANT.

Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant. - Heb 9:15;

“That is why **He is the one who mediates the new covenant** between God and people, so that all who are invited can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them.”

“For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.”

**We are ministers of a new covenant - 2 Cor 3:6;**

“who has indeed qualified us as ministers of a **new covenant**, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter brings death, but **the Spirit gives life.**”

# TWO MAJOR TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.

**JESUS FULFILLED THE LAW Matthew 5:17-18;**

**"Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete (fulfill) them. I assure you, until heaven and earth disappear, even the smallest detail of God's law will remain until its purpose is achieved."**

# REQUIRING CHRISTIANS TO KEEP THE OLD COVENANT LAW UNSETTLES THEM.

**Acts 15:22-29;** “Then it pleased the apostles & elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren.”

“23 They wrote this letter by them: The apostles, the elders, and the brethren, To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia:-”

“Greetings. 24 Since we have heard that some who went out from us **have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law."**-to whom we gave no such commandment.”

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**“25 it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

**“27 We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word of mouth. 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things:-”**

**“29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell”**

# TRUE FORGIVENESS FOR SINS WAS NOT AVAILABLE UNDER THE OLD LAW.

**Acts 13:38-39;** “Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man (Jesus) is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.”

**Romans 3:20;** “Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.”

# TRUE FORGIVENESS FOR SINS WAS NOT AVAILABLE UNDER THE OLD LAW.

**Romans 8:1-5;** “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh,”

“God did by **sending His own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh, **on account of sin**: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us **who do not walk according to the flesh** but according to the Spirit.”

# **TRUE FORGIVENESS FOR SINS WAS NOT AVAILABLE UNDER THE OLD LAW.**

**5 “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.”**

# **WE ARE DEAD TO THE LAW & RELEASED FROM IT**

**Rom 7:1-7;** “Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives?

2. For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives.

“But if the husband dies, she is released from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband lives, she marries another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from that law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man.”

“4. Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another; to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.”

# **WE ARE DEAD TO THE LAW AND RELEASED FROM IT.**

**“5. For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.**

**6. But now we have been delivered from the law”**

**“Having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.”**

**“What shall we say then? Is the law sin?**

**Certainly not! On the contrary, I would not have known sin except through the law. For I would not have known covetousness unless the law had said, “You shall not covet.”**

# OLD LAW/ COVENANT IT PASSED AWAY TO BE REPLACED BY A NEW COVENANT.

2 Cor 3:6-11; “who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 7. But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious,”

“so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away,  
8. how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?”

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Romans 10:4; “For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believes”.

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“9. For if the **ministry of condemnation** had **glory**,  
the **ministry of righteousness**  
**exceeds much more in glory.**

10. For even what was made glorious had no glory  
in this respect, because of the **glory that excels.**”

“11. For if what is **passing away** was **glorious**,  
**what remains** is much more glorious.”

# THE LAW COULD NOT JUSTIFY.

Galatians 2:16; “knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.”

# WE ARE REDEEMED FROM THE LAW.

Galatians 3:10-13; “For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse;” for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.”

11 But that **no one is justified by the law** in the sight of God is evident, for **“the just shall live by faith.”**

12 Yet the law is not of faith, but **“the man who does them shall live by them.”**

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, *“Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”*),

# THE LAW WAS IN EFFECT ONLY TILL CHRIST CAME.

Galatians 3:16-19; “Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ.”

“And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect.”

# **THE LAW WAS IN EFFECT ONLY TILL CHRIST CAME.**

**18. “For if the inheritance could be received only by keeping the law, then it would not be the result of accepting God's promise. But God gave it to Abraham as a promise.**

**19. Well then, why was the law given? It was given to show people how guilty they are. But this system of law was to last only until the coming of the child of whom God's promise was made.”**

# **IT WAS OUR GUARDIAN / WE ARE NO LONGER UNDER THAT GUARDIAN.**

**Gal 3:24-25 24; “Let me put it another way.  
The law was our guardian and teacher to lead us  
until Christ came. So now, through faith in Christ,  
we are made right with God.**

**25. But now that faith in Christ has come,  
we no longer need the law as our guardian.**

**26. So you are all children of God  
through faith in Christ Jesus.**

**27. since every one of you that  
has been united with Christ  
in baptism have been made like Him.”**

# **IF YOU GO BACK TO THE LAW YOU WILL FALL FROM GRACE.**

**Galatians 5:1-4; “1. So Christ has really set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law.”**

**“Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ cannot help you. 3. I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favour with God by being circumcised, you must obey all of the regulations in the whole law of Moses.”**

**“4. For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace.”**

# THE LAW OF COMMANDMENTS WAS ABOLISHED.

**Eph 2:11-16;** “11. Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders by birth. **You were called "the uncircumcised ones" by the Jews,** who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts.”

12. “In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were **excluded** from God's people, Israel, and you **did not know the promises** God had made to them. **You lived in this world without God and without hope.**”

13. “**But now you belong to Christ Jesus.** Though you **once were far away from God,** now you have been brought near to him because of the blood of Christ.”

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**14. "For Christ Himself has made peace between us Jews and you Gentiles by making us all one people.**

**He has broken down the wall of hostility that used to separate us."**

**15. "By His death He ended the whole system of Jewish law that excluded the Gentiles. His purpose was to make peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in Himself one new person from the two groups."**

**16. "Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death, and our hostility toward each other was put to death."**

# THE OLD LAW CANCELLED OR WIPED OUT.

Col 2:8-14; 8. “Don't let anyone lead you astray with empty philosophy and high-sounding nonsense that come from **human thinking** and from the evil powers of this world, **and not from Christ.**”

9. “**For in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body,** 10. **and you are complete through your union with Christ. He is Lord over every ruler and authority in the universe.**”

11. “**When you came to Christ, you were "circumcised," but not by a physical procedure. It was a spiritual procedure-the cutting away of your sinful attitudes.**”

# THE OLD LAW CANCELLED OR WIPED OUT.

12. “For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with Him you were raised to a new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.”

13. “You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful attitudes were not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ. He forgave all our sins.”

14. “He cancelled the record that contained the charges against us. He took it and destroyed it by nailing it to Christ's cross.”

## **OLD LAW SET ASIDE FOR A BETTER COVENANT.**

**Heb 7:11-22;** “11. And finally, if the priesthood of Levi could have achieved God's purposes, and it was that priesthood on which the law was based, why did God need to send a different priest from the line of Melchizedek, instead of from the line of Levi and Aaron? 12. And **when the priesthood is changed, the law must also be changed to permit it.**”

13. “For the one we are talking about belongs to a different tribe, whose members do not serve at the altar. What I mean is, **our Lord** came from **the tribe of Judah**, & Moses never mentioned Judah in connection with the priesthood.

**Christ Is like Melchizedek.”**

# OLD LAW SET ASIDE FOR A BETTER COVENANT.

15. “The **change in God's law is even more evident** from the fact that **a different priest,** who is like Melchizedek, **has come.**”

16. “He became a priest, not by meeting the old requirement of belonging to the tribe of Levi, **but by the power of a life that cannot be destroyed.**”

17. “And the psalmist pointed this out when he said of Christ, **“You are a priest forever after the manner or order of Melchizedek.”**”

18. Yes, **the old** requirement about the **priesthood was set aside** because it was weak and useless.”

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19. “For the law made nothing perfect, and now a better hope has taken its place. And that is how we draw near to God. 20. God took an oath that Christ would always be a priest, but He never did this for any other priest.”

21. “Only to Jesus did he say, “The Lord has taken an oath and will not break his vow: ‘You are a priest forever.’ “ 22. Because of God's oath, it is Jesus who guarantees the effectiveness of this better covenant.”

**Jesus was Prophet, Priest, and King!**

## **OLD LAW / COVENANT BECAME OBSOLETE.**

**Heb 8:6-13; 6.** “But **our High Priest (Jesus)** has been given a ministry that is far superior to the ministry of those who serve under the old laws, **for He is the one who guarantees for us a better covenant with God, based on better promises.**”

**7.** “If the first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second covenant to replace it.”

**8.** “But **God Himself found fault with the old one** when he said: “The day will come, says the Lord, when **I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah.**”

# **OLD LAW SET ASIDE FOR A BETTER COVENANT.**

**“9. This covenant will not be like the one I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand and led them out of the land of Egypt.**

**They did not remain faithful to my covenant, so I turned my back on them, says the Lord.”**

**“10. But this is the new covenant I will make with the people of Israel on that day, says the Lord:- I will put my laws in their minds so they will understand them, and I will write them on their hearts so they will obey them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”**

**“11. And they will not need to teach their neighbours, nor will they need to teach their family, saying, ‘You should know the Lord.’ For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will already know me.”**

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**“12. And I will forgive their wrongdoings,  
and I will never again remember their sins.”**

**“When God speaks of a new covenant,  
it means He has made the first one obsolete.  
It is now out of date and  
ready to be put aside.”**

## **OLD LAW SET ASIDE TO ESTABLISH NEW.**

**Heb 10:1-10; “1. The old system in the law of Moses was only a shadow of the things to come, not the reality of the good things Christ has done for us.”**

**“The sacrifices under the old system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship.”**

**“2. If they could have provided perfect cleansing, the sacrifices would have stopped, for the worshippers would have been purified once for all time, and their feelings of guilt would have disappeared.”**

**“3. But the opposite happened. Those sacrifices reminded them of their sins year after year.”**

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**4. “For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5. That is why Christ, when he came into the world, said, “You did not want animal sacrifices and grain offerings.”**

**4. “But you have given me a body so that I may obey you. 6. No, you were not pleased with animals burned on the altar or with other offerings for sin.”**

**9. “Then he added, “Look, I have come to do your will.” He cancels the first covenant in order to establish the second.”**

**“10. And what God wants is for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time.”**

## **OLD LAW SET ASIDE TO ESTABLISH NEW.**

**11. “Under the old covenant, the priest stands before the altar day after day, offering sacrifices that can never take away sins.”**

**12. “But our High Priest offered Himself to God as one sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then He sat down at the place of highest honour at God's right hand.”**

# JESUS IS MEDIATOR OF NEW AND BETTER COVENANT.

Heb 12:24-25; “You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which graciously forgives instead of crying out for vengeance as the blood of Abel did.”

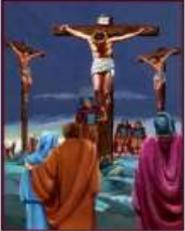
25. “See to it that you obey God, the one who is speaking to you. For if the people of Israel did not escape when they refused to listen to Moses, the earthly messenger, how terrible our danger if we reject the One who speaks to us from heaven!”

# EXPLANATION OF THE TWO TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.

Two or more contradictory or mutually exclusive covenants cannot be in force at the same time for the same people. Heb 8:13; 10:8-10;

**The Old Testament law was fulfilled.**

**Matt 5:17; Luke 24:44:, then abolished. Eph 2:15; blotted out ...nailed to the cross. Col 2.14; and taken away. Heb 10:9;**

	Patriarchal Age <i>No written Law</i>		Mosaic Age <i>Law of Moses</i>		Christian Age <i>Gospel of Christ</i>	
	Noah Abraham Jacob		David Isaiah John the Baptist		Apostles	
Adam		Moses		Christ		Second Coming
Eden		Sinai		Calvary		Judgment

## **EXPLANATION OF THE TWO TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.**

**We are bound to God by New Covenant/Testament  
and our lives must conform to the commandments  
of the New Covenant of Jesus Christ.**

**Heb 1:1-2; Mat 17:5; & 28:18-20; John 12:48;  
1 Cor 9-21; Heb 5:9; 2 Cor 3:6; & 5:19-20;.**

**Nothing is to be gained by being faithful  
to a law that is no longer in force,  
or by expecting the fulfillment of promises  
that have been fulfilled and /or withdrawn.**

# EXPLANATION OF THE TWO TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.

**Which writings are New Testament?  
and which are Old Testament?**

There is no doubt about the books of what is called  
the **Old Testament division of our Bible**  
**Genesis to Malachi.**

They were **written by** and **applied**  
to **people under the old covenant**  
that **God made with the Israel.**

# **EXPLANATION OF THE TWO TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.**

**There is no doubt about  
Acts to Revelation in what we call  
the New Testament division of our Bible.**

**They were written by and applied  
to people under the new covenant of God  
with Christians.**

**But what about the four "gospels"  
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John?**

## **EXPLANATION OF THE TWO TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.**

**The old Testament or Covenant was still in effect during the lifetime of Jesus Christ, and continued actually until the day of Pentecost after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Acts 1-2;**

**The best way to classify these books is to call them "transitional" -- they help to bridge the gap between OT and NT.**

**1) They reflect the period during which the old law was still in effect, but was being phased out.**

**2) Preparation was being made for the new law :- and many references are made to certain aspects of the coming church or kingdom of Jesus Christ.**

## **EXPLANATION OF THE TWO TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.**

**We have observed how the scriptures were given by inspiration from God and how The Holy Spirit guided the Apostles and prophets into all truth.**

**We have observed the different kinds of authority, the chain of authority, the different ways the Bible authorises, and the way we must respect God's authority in all matters spiritual.**

**We have observed the major divisions of the Bible and the need to "rightly divide the word of God."**

# **EXPLANATION OF THE TWO TESTAMENTS / COVENANTS.**

**Respect for biblical authority  
must be pre-eminent in all our lives.**

**Respect for biblical authority must  
be pre-eminent in all the family of God.  
The called out by God, His assembly.**

**WE AS GOD'S PEOPLE ARE LIVING  
UNDER THE NEW COVENANT TODAY.**

**ARE YOU SEEKING JUSTIFICATION FROM  
THE OLD COVENANT OR THE NEW COVENANT?**

**JESUS' CLEANSING BLOOD IS ONLY AVAILABLE  
UNDER THE NEW COVENANT.**

**IF WE ARE UNDER GODS NEW COVENANT TODAY.  
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?  
WHAT DOES THAT INVOLVE?**

**We need to ask WHAT does the N.T.  
reveal about MAN'S relationship with GOD?**

**What do WE need to do  
in regard to that relationship?**

**Jesus simply and beautifully said,  
"If you love me, keep my commandments."**

**FROM GOD**

**THROUGH JESUS**

**THROUGH the APOSTLES**

**To the WRITINGS OF NEW TESTAMENT**

**Biblical  
Authority**

**JESUS IS ALIVE !**

# **TWO OF THE COVENANTS!**

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