

# **Come to Jesus**

## **A Better Covenant**



## The Main Point

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 8:1** Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, <sup>2</sup> a minister in the sanctuary, and in the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man. ... .. <sup>6</sup> But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.





## Out with the Old ...

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 8:7** For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second. ... <sup>13</sup> When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 7:1** Or do you not know, brethren ... that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup> For the married woman is bound by law to her husband while he is living; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law concerning the husband. <sup>3</sup> So then if, while her husband is living, she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is not an adulteress, though she is joined to another man. <sup>4</sup> Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ ...

## ... In with the New

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 8:8** ...He says, "Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, When I will effect a new covenant With the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; <sup>9</sup> Not like the covenant which I made with their fathers On the day when I took them by the hand To lead them out of the land of Egypt; For they did not continue in My covenant, And I did not care for them, says the Lord. <sup>10</sup> "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, And I will write them upon their hearts. And I will be their God, And they shall be My people. <sup>11</sup> "And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, And everyone his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' For all shall know Me, From the least to the greatest of them. <sup>12</sup> "For I will be merciful to their iniquities, And I will remember their sins no more."

➤ *Jer. 31:31-34*





- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ezekiel 11:19** "And I shall give them one heart, and shall put a new spirit within them. And I shall take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, <sup>20</sup> that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances, and do them. Then they will be My people, and I shall be their God.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 7:4** Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, that we might bear fruit for God ... <sup>6</sup> But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.



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## Old vs New

- The Old teaches us *about* sin, the New frees us *from* sin.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 7:7** What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; ...<sup>12</sup> So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. <sup>13</sup> Therefore did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Acts 13:38** "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, <sup>39</sup> and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.



## Old vs New

- The Old *defines* righteousness, the New *delivers* righteousness.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 3:20** because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction;
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 10:4** For Christ is the end [goal] of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Philippians 3:9** and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,



## Old vs New

- The Old *describes* life for God, the New *delivers* life from God.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 3:21** Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 2:20** "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me. <sup>21</sup> "I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly."



## Old vs New

➤ The Old *points* us to Christ, the New *unites* us to Christ.

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 3:19** Why the Law then? It was added because of transgressions, having been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed should come to whom the promise had been made ... <sup>22</sup> But the Scripture has shut up all men under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. <sup>23</sup> But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. <sup>26</sup> For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup> For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.





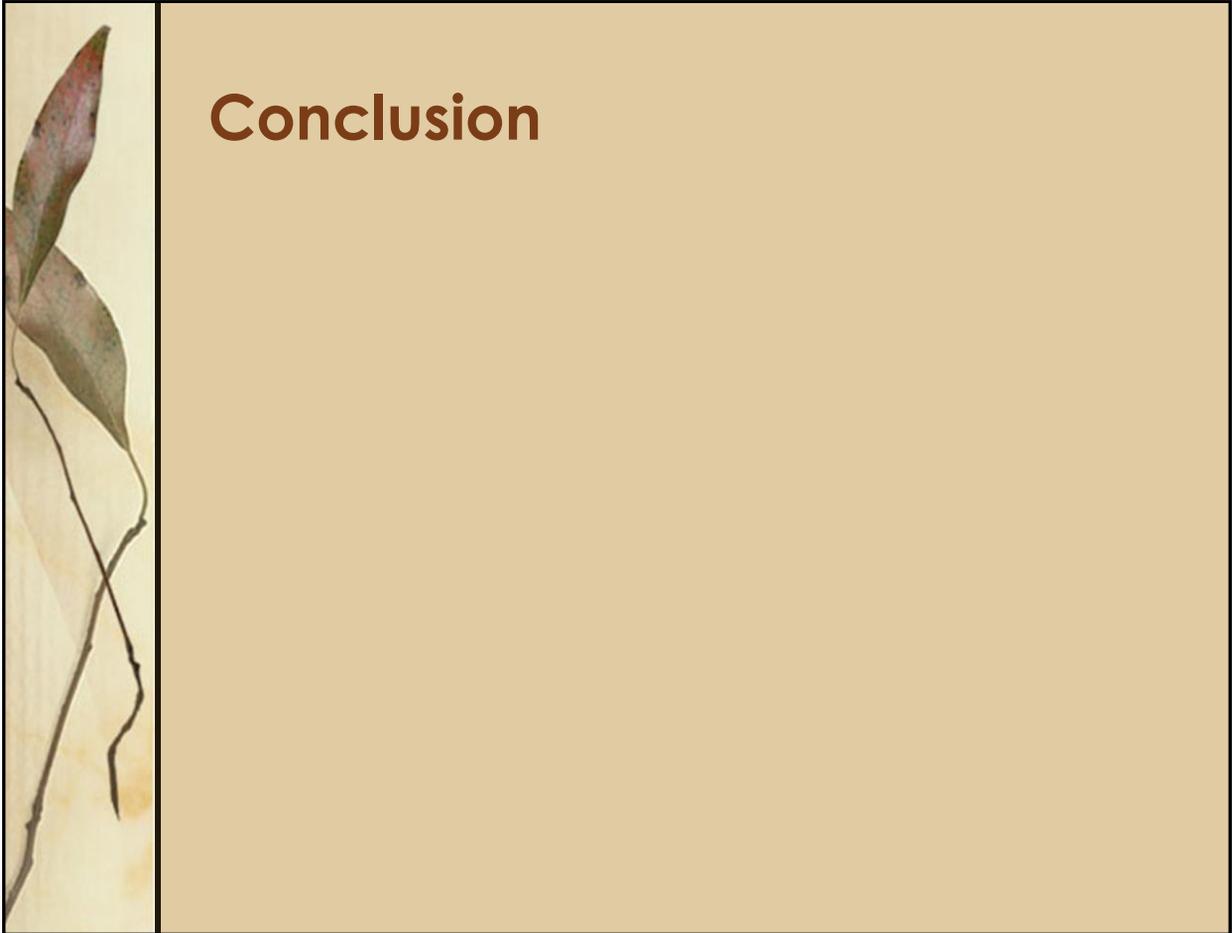
## His Blood

- <sup>NIV</sup> **Luke 22:20** In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."
  - <sup>NIV</sup> **Matthew 26:28** This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
- 1) Sacrifices of Atonement (Leviticus 4-6, Isaiah 53)
    - Atonement for sin
      - Accomplishes reconciliation of man with God through forgiveness and cleansing.
  - 2) Blood of the covenant (Exodus 24:8)
    - Sanctification
      - Consecrated as holy to God and dedicated to his service.
  - 3) Announcement of New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34)
    - The New Covenant has arrived.



## His Body

- <sup>ESV</sup> **Luke 22:19** And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Matthew 26:26** ... "Take, eat; this is My body."
  - 1) Common sacrificial language (Psa. 51:16, Lev. 1:2)
    - Jesus is the true sacrifice.
  - 2) Passover sacrifice (Exodus 12:1-14)
    - Remember and celebrate deliverance from death and slavery through the sacrificial death of Jesus.
    - Participation in the body and blood (1 Cor. 10:16).



## Conclusion



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- <sup>NAS</sup> **Hebrews 8:6** But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises. <sup>7</sup> For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second. ... <sup>13</sup> When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.



## A New Covenant Promised

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- <sup>NAS</sup> **Jeremiah 31:33** ... , "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **Ezekiel 11:20** Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Jeremiah 31:34** ... "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."



## A New Covenant Delivered

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 3:3** Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God..."<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ... <sup>16</sup> "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that *whoever believes in Him* [the continuously believing in Him one] should not perish, but have eternal life.



## Live the New Life

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Titus 3:5** He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Romans 7:6** But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.