

The New Covenant Provides the Possession and the Display of Eternal Life

Scripture Reading:

I Corinthians 2:14-3:6

RECAP

- ◇ Since the day of Pentecost with the sending, indwelling, and the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit, all NT believers have now the ability to understand what Jesus meant when He spoke of the New Covenant for His Body, the Church
- ◇ The **BREAD** represents all NT believers having been Holy Spirit baptized into the Body of Christ
- ◇ The **CUP** represents the New Covenant, which was bought by His shed blood

INTRODUCTION

- ◇ Now the question is, “”What does this New Covenant provide for the NT believer?
- ◇ There are for sections of NT Scriptures that speak of the New Covenant for the Church
 - ◇ The synoptic gospels: Matthew Mark, Luke, and John
 - ◇ I Corinthians 11:3
 - ◇ II Corinthians 3
 - ◇ Heb 3:10,12
 - ◇ This is the Scripture that reveals the content of the New Covenant provided for the NT grace believer: **ETERNAL LIFE**

The Amazing Ministry of the Gospel for Initial Salvation (II Corinthians 2:14-15)

The knowledge of Christ; a sweet fragrance to God the Father - vs 15a

Two responses by those who witness this knowledge - vss 15-16

- In the ones being saved – cf Jn 16:8-11
- In the ones perishing - cf II Cor 4:3-4

Paul's response of amazement - II Cor 2:16c, cf II Cor 3:5-6a

- Believers are made competent ministers of the New Covenant message - cf Eph 4:10-12

**False
'Salesmen' of
the Word of
God
(II Cor 2:17)**

The identity of the 'salesmen' - II Cor 2:17

- **False apostles - II Cor 11:13-15**

The activity of the 'salesmen' - II Cor 11:20

- **Bondage (to the Law) cf Gal 5:1**
- **To devour (your substance) cf Mk 12:38-40**
- **Exalts himself - cf II Cor 10:5**
- **Beats (w/reference to) face - cf II Cor 4:1-2**

In contrast, Paul's handling of the Word of God - II Cor 2:17b

- **Out of sincerity**
- **Out of God**

**The
Commendation
of the Source
(II Cor 3:1-3)**

Letters written in ink

LIVING letters of believers
who have ben regenerated
by the Holy Spirit

◇ According to the parable of Jesus about the wheat and the tares (Matt 13), many church in Christendom are led by men who are not even born again, but posing as believers (wolves in sheep' clothing)

◇ Matt 7:15, Acts 20:29

◇ **Know the difference!**

◇ **Beware!**

CONCLUSION