

The New Covenant for the Church is BETTER Than the Old Covenant of Law (pt 3)

Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 9:1-28



INTRODUCTION

- The NT Church – particularly, transitional Jewish believers – have a better priest and high priest in the person of Jesus Christ, than the nation of Israel had under the Mosaic Covenant
 - In the book of Hebrews, “**priest**” is used
 - 6x of Levitical priests
 - 6x of Jesus being a priest
 - In Hebrews, “**high priest**” is used
 - 6x of Levitical high priest
 - 10x of Jesus being a high priest



Christ is a **BETTER** High Priest

Made a high priest by an oath from God, not by a “weak, unprofitable” law – Heb 7:12,18.21

- **A sinless High Priest – Heb 7:28**
- **An endless life – Heb 7:16,24; cf 7:23**
- **One perfect, complete sacrifice for sin – Heb 7:27**
- **Made a guarantee of a better covenant – Heb 7:22**



Christ is a **BETTER** High Priest (continued)

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- Christ is the mediator of a new and better covenant (that the Mosaic Law) - Heb 8:6, 9:15, 12:24
- Notice the three covenants mentioned in Heb 8:6-7
- Therefore, don't be surprised by a new covenant for the Church, which is the Body of Christ – Eph 1:22-23



The OT Priestly Service and Tabernacle Made No One Mature – Heb 9:1-10, cf 7:19

The Holy Place and the
Holy of Holies described
– Heb 9:1-6

The inadequacy of the
earthly High Priest and
Tabernacle - Heb 9:7-10



The High-Priestly Service of Christ in the Heavenly Tabernacle Provides for Maturity – Heb 9:11-15

Christ, a High Priest of good things to come – vs 11

- cf Heb 10:1, Eph 1:3

“By Christ’s blood...”

- Transitional believers -Jewish, first century Christians – can have a clean conscience in relation to their transgression (law-breaking) while under the Old Mosaic Covenant
 - Heb 9:14-15
 - cf Rom 4:15

CONCLUSION

This encouraging exhortation is primarily directed to Jewish Christians who are transitioning from living under the old Mosaic Law covenant, to living under **New Covenant for the Church.**

However, Gentile believers need to be aware of the danger of stunted spiritual growth and fruitlessness by putting themselves under OT Law to live the Christian life - Gal 3:1-4

