

# The New Covenant for the Church is BETTER Than the Old Covenant of Law (pt 4)

*Scripture Reading:*

**Hebrews 10:1-18**



# INTRODUCTION

- Paul's letter to the Hebrew Christians was to encourage them to let go of their continued attempts to keep the demands of the covenant of Mosaic Law and embrace the God-provided eternal quality of Life in the New Covenant for the Church.



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## The New Covenant for the Church

- Referred to twice as a “BETTER covenant” – Heb 7:22, 8:6
- Referred to twice as a “NEW covenant” - Heb 9:15, 12:24

## The New Covenant for Israel, YET FUTURE

- Referred to twice – Heb 8:7-13, 10:15-18
- Both references are used by Paul in order to illustrate that the Old Testament foretold that the Mosaic Law covenant would be replaced!

# Three Reasons Why the New Covenant for the Church is Better than the Old Law Covenant

#1

It is a guaranteed covenant

– Heb 7:22

- Guaranteed to provide an uninterrupted High Priesthood
  - Heb 7:21, 23-24
- Guaranteed to provide complete salvation
  - Heb 7:25



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#2

It has activation by better promises –  
Heb 8:6

- The promise to Abraham of a singular Seed = Christ
  - Gen 22:17, Gal 3:16
- The singular Seed would bless all the nations
  - Gen 22:18, Gal 3:27,28



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#3

It can cleanse the conscience from 'dead law works' in order to serve a living God

– Heb 9:12-15

- This cleansing applies to those NT believers who were living under OT Law, i.e., Jewish believers
  - cf Rom 6:14, 4:15



# Two Reasons Why Paul Mentions The New Covenant to Israel in The Letter to the Hebrew Christians

To show these Jewish Christians that their OT Scriptures foretold of a replacement covenant for the Mosaic Law covenant - Heb 8:7-8, 13

To give a second OT witness to the “taking away” of the Mosaic Law covenant



# Two Reasons Why Paul Mentions The New Covenant to Israel in The Letter to the Hebrew Christians (continued)

## The problem:

- the OT animal sacrifices could not
  - Cleanse the conscience (of dead law works)
  - Could not take away sin – Heb 10:1-4

## The solution:

- 1<sup>st</sup> witness – Ps 40:6-8
- 2<sup>nd</sup> witness – Jer 31:31-34 summarized
  - God's provision of a human body for His Son in order to be the “once for all” consummating, final sacrifice for sin
    - cf Heb 10:5-10 (notice vs 9!)

## The conclusion:

- Heb 10:18!





# 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

