2Thess #77

The New Covenant to the Church

Thank you for allowing me a long weekend off! I needed a break and it was nice to unplug for a few days and just be lazy and relaxed with my wife.

We will be doing the Lord’s Supper on Sunday.

Open up today in Hebrews chapter nine RF.

In this current series I am being pressed by God the HS to make sure you do not fall victim to any lies about replacement theology on any level.

Once you grasp the truth that the Church age and the Nation of Israel are not designed as replacing or bumping one another out of the plan of GOD. You won’t fall for any lies or counterfeit teaching.

Every dispensation is unique and stands as an intricate part of a larger picture that makes up the completed canon of scripture.

/Every dispensation (Gentile, Israel, Church or Millennial Reign) has specific periods and seasons that rise and fall inside the perfect plan of GOD. Within those dispensations is a steady and divine driving force which involves the Trinity working toward the final goal, to squash the ideology of rebellion and evil once and for all time. Jesus Christ is the centerpiece, the foundation, the Alpha and Omega of the whole plan. Therefore, His person and work as well as HIS mind (Bible) are the pinnacle and edifice of the creation of everything and everyone (angelic or human).\

The angelic conflict and the colossal failure of mankind and fallen angels, will be dealt with once and for all time.

There is nothing more significant or more profound than the person and work of Jesus Christ and HIS WORD.

It is the solution for all problems and medicine for all illness.

The two can never be separated – the WORD became flesh and dwelt among us!

That is an extremely powerful statement that all Christians need to fully digest and live in each and every day.

TLJC and the completed canon of scripture are both the same - both of equal authority and foundational truth.

 That being said, any promise or legal decree seen in scripture is coming right from GOD HIMSELF – Jesus Christ is God. HE always was, He became the unique God-man of the universe at the virgin birth.

In the beginning was the WORD…

/Because Jesus Christ became the unique God-man HE was able to not only go the cross for all of mankind’s sins (Savior). Jesus Christ can hold a human office as a King, a High Priest or a Prophet, a Teacher, a Shepherd and a Husband as well as a legal mediator between God and man. This all points to the Doctrine of the Hypostatic Union and within that, the NEW Covenant became a reality for all dispensations.\

Every Dispensation looked to the Savior which is the one true GOD over all and above all - TLJC. Because of HIM we are all connected as a family under the power of GOD – though we all receive different contracts or agreements as well as assignments and blessings.

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It has always been faith alone in Christ alone – some dispensations looking forward, others – like ours, looking backward.

The first title you should recognize is SAVIOR, after that everything else can fall into place.

TLJC holds many titles and names yet one you need to understand after salvation is mediator;

/All covenants and legal decrees need a mediator, there has to be a qualified individual to operate or implement the agreement. A mediator who is qualified to stand between two parties and bring the agreement together, either by being the operational officer or the final authority over the settlement. \

The best mediators are ones who see both sides of the arrangement.

They can identify with both parties.

Heb 9:11 But when Christ appeared *as* a high priest of the good things having come, *He entered* through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made by hands, that is, not of this creation;

The Royal Priesthood is an intricate part of the New Covenant as well.

Our ROYALITY is seen in the NEW covenant. The OT Bels were under the family of GOD, yet not proclaimed Royality. REPEAT

/Psa 110:4 The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, “**You are a priest forever** According to the order of Melchizedek.”

Jesus Christ is the High Priest forever. As Melchizedek appeared to have no beginning nor an ending, Jesus Christ is truly eternal! \

Jesus Christ like Melchizedek was a king and a priest – he was also not affiliated with any Levitical order.

TLJC introduce something new – HIS presence and HIS finished work brought forth the NEW covenant and the new Church age.

Which interrupted the Dispensation of Israel.

/[Heb 9:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/9/12/s_1142012) and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through **His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all *time,*** having obtained eternal redemption.

The Mosaic Law was a covenant of shadows (building, priesthood, sacrifices) because the Mediator had not yet come in the flesh. \

Therefore, the function of the Mosaic Law in the Age of Israel was legitimate but only a shadow of what was to come.

/The old covenant to Israel was annulled when Jesus Christ sat down in heaven as the High Priest of a new covenant. This is why the Holy of Holies in Jerusalem was left empty of the ark of the covenant after 586 B.C. The Holy of Holies of the restored Temple in Jerusalem in the millennium will also be empty. The real Temple during the Church Age is your body, which is indwelt by the High Priest as the Shekinah Glory.\

This emphasizes the uniqueness of the Church Age and our greater blessings. Israel did not have this, nor will they in the future – they have a restored Levitical order of a priesthood.

They had the Shekinah Glory leading them but we have an indwelling of the Trinity.

They have a real estate promise and a King in their bloodline under David on the throne in the future. That is for the true Bels of the Nation of Israel to enjoy.

[Heb 9:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/9/13/s_1142013) For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,

/This is a reference to Leviticus 16 (The Day of Atonement) The young bull was sacrificed on the brass altar, the blood was collected in a basin, carried into the holy of holies and sprinkled on the mercy seat. This blood offering was for the sins of the high priest. Then he went out and there were two goats. The first goat was sacrificed, the second goat was released — the scapegoat. The high priest entered the second time with the blood of a goat, and this was for the sins of the people. The blood of goats and young bulls was a shadow pointing to the reality. The literal blood of the animals represents the work of Christ on the cross whereby the veil was ripped by God from top to bottom. The literal blood of animals represented the saving work of Christ.\

The ripped veil in the temple was a complete change in how we can approach the Holy of holies.

The blood of Christ represented the spiritual death of Christ for the sins of the whole world – HIS second death was a physical death which pointed to humanity and the resurrection.

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We are now brought in conjunction with the Holy of holies because at the moment of salvation we have a sacred temple erected in our soul structure.

The Trinity indwells us in the Church age.

[Heb 9:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/9/14/s_1142014) how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The eternal Spirit referenced here speaks to the eternal power of the SON of God, Jesus Christ in HIS deity. It is HIS very essence, that HE is GOD and always was and will be eternal GOD.

/[Heb 9:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/9/15/s_1142015) **For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant**, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the violations that were *committed* **under the first covenant**, those **who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance**.\

They may receive the promise – GOD is always calling everyone to come to the saving knowledge of HIS precious SON.

Yet free will determines that choice.

Everything leading up to the Cross of Christ was a shadow and a prophetic lesson. Once Jesus Christ - the WORD, became flesh and fulfilled the plan of the FATHER, not only on that CROSS, but once HE was resurrected and seated in heaven, all prophecy and promises were sealed.

Within that was a new covenant spoken about by OT prophets.

/Heb 8:6 But now **He has obtained a more excellent ministry, to the extent that He is also the mediator of a better covenant**, which has been enacted on better promises.

Heb 10:4 For **it is impossible** for **the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.**

Highlighted in chapters 8, 9 & 10. \

The spiritual and physical death of Christ was what sealed all prophecy and legal decrees and also opened up the NEW covenant.

TLJC needed to sit down in HIS resurrection body on the right hand of the throne and it was all sealed.

[Heb 9:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/9/16/s_1142016) For where there is a covenant, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it.

Legal covenants in the ancient world were handed down once a father or a patriarch of the family was dead.

/The word covenant - *diathēkē,* was also the word used for a last testament, a family inheritance, a decree or legal declaration. It was binding, requiring witnesses and a mediator to complete or to enforce. When the death of the owner or the authorized party died it was then legally required to uphold any written agreement or covenant. \

DEE-ARK-ATHAY, is a legal document or a last will or an agreement. A binding covenant.

[Heb 9:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/9/17/s_1142017) For a covenant is valid only when *people are* dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.

[Heb 9:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/heb/9/18/s_1142018) Therefore even the first *covenant* was not inaugurated without blood.

/Gen 3:21 And the LORD **God made garments of skin** for Adam and his wife, and **clothed them.**

The binding agreement from the Garden was that innocent blood was shed for the original fall of mankind. This was an analogy (typology) pointing forward to the work of Christ on the Cross.\

Animals do not have the spirit and soul of mankind they are created different, as mankind is given a breath of life by GOD Himself.

Animals do not have free will they live off instinct and survival. There is an analogy seen in the death of the innocent animal.

The analogy is spiritual and physical.

/Animal blood validated the Mosaic law. The expiatory sacrifice of Christ’s spiritual death on the cross validated the new covenant — as illustrated by the tearing of the veil in the temple. Right from the original garden (Gen 3:15-21) the coming spiritual and physical death of Christ was clearly taught. The animal blood used for the dedication of the first covenant portrayed the saving work of Christ on the cross. This was designed to carry on until Christ willingly gave HIS spirit up on that cross.\

At that point all prophecy and covenants were being fulfilled and everything changed.

All the Bels from the OT who had looked forward to the Messiah were fully recognized and their covenants and prophetic future was secured.

At the same time a New Covenant which had been spoken of now opened up to its fruition as well.

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/The new covenant to the Church is made in favour of the royal family. This is God’s greatest experiment of grace. The new covenant supersedes the shadow covenant of the Old Testament, the Mosaic Law. It authorizes a new universal priesthood for the royal family of God which operates positionally in the Holy of Holies. The new covenant sanctioned by God is valid because of the blood of Christ, the efficacious spiritual death of Christ on the cross, being judged for our sins. All prophecy, covenants and salvation were fulfilled in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Death, burial, resurrection, ascension and session.\

The physical blood of Christ cannot be what saves us.

“*Blood*” means redemption, reconciliation, and propitiation. The blood of Christ is the finished work of TLJC, that is what links animal blood in the analogy with the saving work of Christ on the cross.

Let me close today with this, we will pick it back up right here next message;

/The new covenant sanctions a new priesthood and a royal priesthood of the Church Age. The priesthood under Aaron was special, the Levitical order of Israel. That was a teaching tool and stood as a shadow worship of what was coming. Part of the New Covenant for Israel is that in Christ (finished work), their unfulfilled promises are coming in the New Kingdom era (2nd Advent). The rebirth of the Levitical order is part of that. \