

Old (Sinai) Covenant vs. New (Christ) Covenant

Old (Sinai) Covenant

- Contract
- Between God and the descendants of Jacob/Israel
- Established at Mt. Sinai.
- The people of Israel pledge to obey the Ten Commandments and the Levitical laws and regulations. There are 613 laws and regulations.
- God pledges to choose the descendants of Israel as his special people and to protect and favor them with prosperity, but only as long as they abide by his instructions.
- Worship and atonement were based on repeated animal and grain sacrifices.

New (Christ) Covenant

- Commitment
- Between God and each individual, with Christ Jesus as our mediator and advocate. There are no special people. Available to all.
- Established at the crucifixion, though some churches believe it was established on the Day of Pentecost.
- We pledge to have faith in Christ and keep his Commandments.
- God pledges not worldly prosperity, but to accept us as his children, bring us into the Kingdom of Heaven and to bestow his light and life upon us.
- Jesus is our sacrifice, offered once and for all.