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SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY 101

The ABC's for every new believer

Lesson # 2

The New Covenant "Rightly Dividing the Word of God"

Christianity's best kept _____

2 Tim.2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly_____the word of truth.

The division (dividing line) between the **Old Testament** and the **New Testament** is very clear. Where would you place it? (Circle one)

Gospels & Acts - Malachi & Matthew - Revelation & Maps

The Old Covenant is NOT the Old Testament.

The New Covenant is NOT the New Testament... However...

The Old Covenant is _____ found in the Old Testament

The New Covenant is _____ found in the New Testament

The division (dividing line) between the **Old Covenant** and the **New Covenant** is also very clear. Where would you place it? (Circle one)

Birth of Jesus - Malachi & Matthew - Death of Jesus

It is important to understand that the New Covenant was given **NOT to add** to the Old Covenant but to _____ it.

Heb 9:15-18 For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance new-that-he-has-died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. This is why even the first covenant was new-not-new-that-he-has-died are ransom to set them the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood.

Heb 9:19-22 When Moses had proclaimed every commandment of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. He said, This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep. In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

R FOR A NEW COVENANT

Heb 8:7-8 For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. But God found fault with the ______.

Heb 7:18-19 The <u>former regulation</u> is set aside because it was weak and useless (for the <u>law</u> made nothing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.

THE O.C. IS R BY THE N.C.

Heb 8:8b-9 The time is coming, declares the Lord, when <u>I will make</u> a <u>new</u> (Gk:kainos) covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.

Does the New Covenant exclude the Gentiles?...NO

Gal 3:7-9 The real children of Abraham, then, are all those who put their faith in God. What's more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when God would accept the Gentiles, too, on the basis of their faith. God promised this good news to Abraham long ago when he said, "All nations will be blessed through you." So it is: All who put their faith in Christ share the same blessing Abraham received because of his faith. (cf.3:28-29)

Heb 10:8-10 First he said, "Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them" (although the law required them to be made). Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will". He sets aside the first (Cov) to establish the second. By that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Heb 8:13 By calling this covenant new, he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.

Heb 8:10-12 This is the covenant I will make... after that time, declares the Lord. I will put <u>my laws</u> in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man teach his brother, saying, Know the Lord, because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. **For I will forgive their wickedness and I will remember their sins no more**.

Heb.10:15-18 The **Holy Spirit** also testifies to us about this. **First** he says: This is the *(new)* covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds. Then he adds: Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more. And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

"My Laws" - What are the "Laws" of Christ?

1Jn 3:23-24 And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

"To believe" is the _.	of the Gospel offer
"Love" is	love, God's love (In & through)

Jn 13:34-35 A **new** (*Gk:kainos*) **command** I give you: Love (*agape*) one another. As I have loved (*agape*) you, so you must love (*agape*) one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love (*agape*) one another.

THE OLD PRIESTHOOD IS R BY THE NEW PRIESTHOOD

Heb 7:11-12 If perfection could have been attained through the **Levitical priesthood** (for on the basis of it the law was given to the people), why was there still need **for another priest** to come... not in the order of Aaron? For when there is a **change of the priesthood**, there must also be a **change of the law**.

NOTE: The Levitical Priesthood AND its ceremonial practices are replaced!

Therefore, the Levitical Priesthood AND its LAWS are replaced!

Heb 9:15 For this reason <u>Christ is the mediator</u> of a **new** (*Gk:kainos*) **covenant**, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance <u>now that he has died</u> as a ransom to <u>set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant</u>.

THE OLD PRIEST IS R BY THE NEW PRIEST

Heb 7:20-22 And it was not without an oath! Others became priests without any oath, but he became a priest with an oath when God said to him: The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: You are a priest forever. Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantee of a better covenant. = (New Covenant)

Heb 7:23-25 Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.(cont.)

Heb 7:26-28 Such a high priest meets our need - one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, He does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when He offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

THE OLD SACRIFICE IS R BY THE NEW SACRIFICE

Heb 10:1-4 The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Heb 9:23-25 It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own...

Heb 9:26-28 Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

1Jn.2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation (P.I.F) for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Heb 10:11-14 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy

Heb 10:17-18 Then he adds: Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more. And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin.

Heb 10:26-29 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God... How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

Heb 6:4-6 It is impossible for those who have once been **enlightened**, who have **tasted** the heavenly gift, who have **shared** in the Holy Spirit, who have **tasted** the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they **fall away**, **to be brought back to repentance**, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

THE MINISTRY OF DEATH IS R BY THE MINISTRY OF LIFE

2Cor 3:9-11 If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

THE CONCLUSION - Our Role

2Cor 3:5-8 Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us **competent as ministers** of a **new covenant** not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, will not the **ministry of the Spirit** be even **more glorious**?

2Cor 5:17-19 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the <u>old</u> has gone, the <u>new</u> has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the <u>ministry of reconciliation</u>: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them...

Heb 4:1-2 (NLT) God's promise of entering his place of rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to get there. For this Good News -that God has prepared a place of rest -has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn't believe what God told them.

Hebrews 4:9-11 There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his. Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall by following their example of disobedience.

Heb.10:19-23 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a **new and living way** opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us **draw near** to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Col 2:8-10 Don't let anyone lead you astray with empty philosophy and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the evil powers of this world, and not from Christ. For in Christ the fullness of God lives in a human body, and you are complete through your union with Christ. He is the Lord over every ruler and authority in the universe.

The Average Christian lives with an "Old Covenant" attitude: "If I obey God, God will bless me. If I don't, He won't".

The result is an almost universal experience of fear, guilt, frustration and burnout. We are reluctant to rest in the **New Covenant truth** that God has made us perfect/complete and holy/set apart. We must grow to the place to let go of *trying* to earn God's acceptance by our *own insufficient and inconsistent efforts (works)* and begin to trust, to really rest, in what He has provided for all believers through the work (Life) of Christ.

According to this gracious covenant, the Lord treats His people as if they had never sinned. Practically, He forgets all their trespasses. Sins of all kinds He treats as if they had never been; as if they were erased from His memory. Oh miracle of grace! God here does that which in certain aspects is impossible to Him. His mercy works miracles which far transcend all other miracles. Our God ignores our sin now that the sacrifice of Jesus has ratified the covenant. We may rejoice in Him without fear that he will be provoked to anger against us because of our sins. See! He puts us among the children; he accepts us as righteous: He takes delight in us as if we were perfectly holy. He even puts us in places of trust; makes us guardians of his honor, trustees of the crown jewels, stewards of the gospel. He counts us worthy, and gives us a ministry; that is the highest and most special proof that he does not remember our sins. Even when we forgive an enemy, we are very slow to trust him; we judge it to be imprudent to do so. But the Lord forgets our sins, and treats us as if we had never erred. Oh my soul, what a promise is this! Believe it and be happy. [Charles H. Spurgeon]

OLD covenant

RIGHTEOUSNESS of LAW

- 1. Blood of animals
- 2. Written on stone
- 3. Shadow
- 4. Glorious
- 5. Had an end
- 6. Law of Moses
- 7. Law of works
- 8. Law of sin and death
- 9. Many sacrifices
- 10. Powerless to save
- 11. Annual atonement
- 12. Earthly tabernacle
- 13. Ministry of death
- 14. Outer form flesh
- 15. Ministry of condemnation

For if the first covenant had been faultless then should no place have been sought

NEW Covenant

RIGHTEOUSNESS of CHRIST

- 1. Blood of Christ
- 2. Written on hearts
- 3. Substance
- 4. More Glorious
- 5. Has no end
- 6. Law of Messiah
- 7. Law of faith
- 8. Law of Sprit of Life
- 9. One Sacrifices
- 10. Powerful to save
- 11. Eternal atonement
- 12. Heavenly tabernacle
- 13. Ministry of life
- 14. Inner reality spirit
- 15. Ministry of reconciliation

1st Covenant

Hebrews 8:7

for the second.

2nd Covenant