Covenant of Grace

No Longer Under the Law BUT Establishing It

Jeremiah 31:31-33

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. "This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the Lord. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."

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The Old Covenant

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The Old Covenant

"When Moses went and told the people all the Lord's words and laws, they responded with one voice, "Everything the Lord has said we will do." Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said."

Exodus 24:3-4

The Mosaic Law

- "All the Lord's words and laws"
- More than just the Ten Commandments
- Contained in Exodus, Leviticus and Deuteronomy
- Governed all aspects of Israelite life and society
 - Laws on morality, ethics, and relationships between people
 - Priesthood and appointed festivals
 - Instruction on sacrifices, offerings and worship
 - Laws about cleanliness and purification
 - Laws on property, restitution and other civil and societal matters

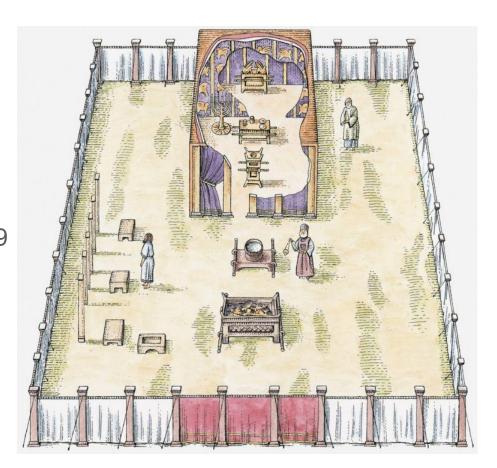
The Mosaic Law

- A people set apart
 - "you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" Exodus 19:6
- Righteousness of God
 - "And if we are careful to obey all this law before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness." - Deuteronomy 6:25
- Based on works
 - Obedience = life and prosperity
 - Disobedience = death and destruction
- A way to atone for our sins
 - "All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one." - Psalm 14:3
 - Leviticus 1-7 (e.g. sin offering, guilt offering)

God with Us

"Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you."

Exodus 25:8-9



Jesus

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished."

Matthew 5:17-18

"Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

John 1:29

"Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes."

Romans 10:4

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A STUDY IN HEBREWS

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The New Covenant

"In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you""

Luke 22:20

"The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom."

Mark 15:38

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"But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus"

Romans 3:21-24

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A people set apart

 "My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it." - John 17:15-16

Righteousness of God

 "For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."" - Romans 1:17

Based on grace through faith

• "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast." - Ephesians 2:8-9

Cleansing of our sins

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." - 1 John 1:7

God in Us

"Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God"

Hebrews 4:14

"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Acts 2:4

"But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

John 14:26

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Practical Applications

Higher Standard

"For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:20

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Matthew 11:11

Victory Over Sin

"What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?"

Romans 6:1-2

"For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace."

Romans 6:14

Mercy and Grace

"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Hebrews 4:16

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 1:6

Follow His Commands

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20

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