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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

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Series Title: Jesus Plus Nothing Equals Everything

Message Title: Superiority of the New Covenant

Scripture: Galatians 3:15-18 [ESV]

15 To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. 16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ. 17 This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. 18 For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

Points of Consideration:

- The New Covenant Confirmed (v. 15)
- The New Covenant as Christ-centered (v. 16)
- The New Covenant as Chronological (v. 17)
- The New Covenant Complete (v. 18)

Discussion Questions:

Paul demonstrates that the gentiles are legitimate parties to a covenant relationship with God by appealing to God’s covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3). How does Paul make this connection?

How does the covenant with the gentiles compare to the covenant with Abraham? Consider Abraham’s “origin story.” How does Abraham’s life and “calling” mirror our own as gentiles?

How does the covenant with the gentiles contrast with the Sinai Covenant (Exodus 19-24)? Since the law cannot undo or nullify a previous covenant, can the law be how gentiles enter a covenant relationship with God?
