

Doctrine of Covenants in the New Testament

1. Christ came into the world because God the Father honored the provision of His Holy Covenant to send a Saviour to die for the elect.
 - *Luke 1:72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant.*

2. Speaking to New Testament believers consisting of Jews and Gentiles Peter declares that they are the children of the covenant.
 - *Acts 3:25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.*

3. The sign of the seal of the Old Testament covenant was circumcision.
 - *Acts 7:8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.*

4. The covenant that God made with His people did not begin in the New Testament era. It was fulfilled in Christ but *the* [New] Covenant was promised during the days of David (Psalm 14:7), Isaiah (Isaiah 59:20, 21) and Jeremiah (Jeremiah 31:31).
 - *Romans 11:26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins."*
 - *Psalm 14:7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.*
 - *Isaiah 59:20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD. 21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.*
 - *Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:*

5. Once a covenant is confirmed it cannot be set aside.
 - *Galatians 3:15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; Though it be but a man's covenant, yet if it be confirmed, no man disannulleth, or addeth thereto.*

5. Speaking of *the New Covenant*, Paul says it is really *older* than the Old Covenant for it was made to Abraham first and then came the law 430 years later.
 - *Galatians 3:17 And this I say, that the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.*
6. The New Covenant is much better than the Old Covenant made with Israel through Moses.
 - *Heb 8:6 "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises."*
7. The Covenant of Law was flawed in as far as its ability to save.
 - *Hebrews 8:7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. 8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. 9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.*
8. The specific provisions of the New Covenant are given.
 - *Hebrews 8:10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.*
9. As the basis for a contractual agreement the Old Covenant is terminated.
 - *Hebrews 8:13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away.*
10. Under the Old Covenant great emphasis was put upon externals; under the New Covenant the spiritual is emphasized.
 - *Hebrews 9:1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.*
 - *Hebrews 9:4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant.*
11. Long before the New Testament expression of the Church age the Spirit of prophecy knew the covenant upon which it would be based and revealed that knowledge.
 - *Hebrews 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.*

12. The value of the blood of Christ gives value to the New Covenant.

- *Hebrews 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*

13. Jesus Christ is the Mediator of the New Covenant.

- *Hebrews 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*
- *Hebrews 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant.*