**Two Covenants**

The Old Covenant is ministered by the Law of Commandments and depends upon the flesh The Bible calls it the ministration of death and condemnation. **2 Corinthians 3:6,7,9**

Because it depends upon the strength of the flesh, it is impossible to keep and everyone falls short of the glory of God.

***Romans 7:1818*** *For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

***Romans 3:23*** *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*

The carnal mind cannot access the things of God because they can only be spiritually discerned.

***1 Corinthians 2:14*** *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

When the law or old covenant is active, it acts as a veil that keeps us from seeing spiritual truths.

***2 Corinthians 3:14*** *But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ.*

***15*** *But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.*

Because the first covenant kept man from accessing the things of the Spirit it was done done away with and replaced with a better covenant. **2 Corinthians 3:11**

***Hebrews 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*** *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:*

The first covenant was defective because it depended upon the strength of the flesh and worked from the outside in. The second one depends upon God who writes His laws on the heart and works from the inside out.

***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:*

***11*** *And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.*

***12*** *For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.*

***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.*

 All intercourse with the law that held us captive, that has kept us from seeing who we were created to be, has been been done away with. The Holy Spirit that prompts us to newness of life.

***Romans 7:6 Amp*** *But now we are discharged from the Law and have terminated all intercourse with it, having died to what once restrained and held us captive. So now we serve not under [obedience to] the old code of written regulations, but [under obedience to the promptings] of the Spirit in newness [of life].*

The theme of the Gospel is about assuming our God given identity. **Genesis 1:27-28** says that we were created in the image of God and given dominion over all things. We were created to walk in God’s glory.

***2 Corinthians 3:16*** *Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.*

***17*** *Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

***18*** *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Bethe Spirit of the Lord.*

 We were not created to be servants, but sons and joint heirs with Christ. This is not something that we can understand in the flesh. It takes the Spirit of God to reveal it to us.

***Galatians 4:4*** *But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,*

***5*** *To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*

***6*** *And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.*

***7*** *Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*