Series: A New Covenant (#28)

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## ESTABLISHNING NEW COVENANT DOCTRINES

The writer of Hebrews quotes partial verses from the prophecy of New Covenant recorded in Jer.31:31-34.

He quotes part of Jer.31:33 and part of Jer.31:34 in our lesson text. You will recall that he quotes New Covenant prophesy entirely in Heb.8:7-13.

In Heb.8:7-13, the writer made two important comments regarding the superiority of the New Covenant over the Old Covenant.

- First comment is Heb.8:7: "For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second. For finding fault with them, He says, (quotes Jer.31:31-34; 8:6-12)."
- **Second comment** is Heb.8:13: "When He says, 'A new covenant,' he has made the **first obsolete**. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear."

This lesson will study four aspects of the importance of Establishing New Covenant Doctrines.

1. Old Covenant Law and New Covenant grace have one thing in common. They both point us to Christ as the only source of grace salvation (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

(Gal.3:21-22) "Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? May it never be! For if a law had been given which was able to impart life, then righteousness would indeed have been based on law. But the Scriptures has shut up everyone one under sin, so that the promise by faith Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe."

(Gal.3:24-26) "Therefore the Law had become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus."

The Law points out clearly that no one can keep it 100% of 100% of the time and therefore it is **faulty** in producing salvation, righteousness, and eternal life on basis of grace (Jas.2:10).

2. The writer of Hebrews emphasized, "After those days" from Jer.31:33. In the Septuagint, it is found in Jer.38:34 (pg.952).

"After those days" is a reference to Jer.31:31-32 and a reference to the importance of the fulfillment of this messianic prophecy regarding the establishment of the New Covenant in human history.

(Heb.8:13) "When He said, 'A new covenant,' He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear." (Heb.7:22)

(Heb.10:9-10) "Then He said, 'Behold, I have come to do Thy will (Ps.40:6-8; Matt.26:39, 42).' He takes away the first in order to establish the second. By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

3. The writer of Hebrews emphasized the importance of the Indwelling Holy Spirit to every New Covenant believer who accepted the gospel (Good News) of grace salvation (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

We receive the Indwelling of The Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation.

(Gal.3:2-3) "This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Holy Spirit by works of the Law, **or by hearing with faith?** Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?" (John 14:16-17)

(Rom.10:17) "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." (Rom.1:16)

(1 Cor.6:19-20) "Or do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are <u>not your own?</u> For you have been <u>bought with a price</u>; therefore, <u>glorify God in your body.</u>" (1 Cor.3:16)

The Indwelling of The Holy Spirit is just One of <u>Eight works</u> of the Holy Spirit, in <u>package of 50 Things</u> every New Covenant believer receives FREE, at the moment of grace salvation.

4. Notice that the writer of Hebrews emphasized the importance of the New Covenant ministry of the Indwelling Holy Spirit in learning and applying New Covenant doctrines.

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(Heb.10:15a) "And the Holy Spirit also <u>testifies to us;</u> for after saying," [quotes part of Jer.31:33]
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(Heb.10:17a) "He then says,
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(Heb.10:15-16) emphasized inhale and exhale of the Word of God under the power of The Indwelling Holy Spirit (2 Tim.3:16-17).

Jesus taught His disciples at Upper Room Discourse what we could expect as norm and standard of the Christian way of life in John Chapters 14-17.

(John 14:16-18) I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

(John 14:25-27) "These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

(John 15:26-27) "When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

(John 16:5-15) "But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore, I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.