

Message Seven  
**The Covenanting God and His Covenants (2)**  
**The Contents of the New Covenant**

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Scripture Reading: Isa. 42:6; 49:8; Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8-12

- Isa 42:6 I am Jehovah; I have called You in righteousness; / I have held You by the hand; / I have kept You and I have given You / As a covenant for the people, as a light for the nations;
- Isa 49:8 Thus says Jehovah, / In an acceptable time I have answered You, / And in a day of salvation I have helped You; / And I will preserve You and give You for a covenant of the people, / To restore the land, to apportion the desolate inheritances,
- Jer 31:31 Indeed, days are coming, declares Jehovah, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,
- Jer 31:32 Not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by their hand to bring them out from the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was their Husband, declares Jehovah.
- Jer 31:33 But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares Jehovah: I will put My law in their inward parts and write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.
- Jer 31:34 And they will no longer teach, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for all of them will know Me, from the little one among them even to the great one among them, declares Jehovah, for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.
- Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them He says, "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, and I will consummate a new covenant upon the house of Israel and upon the house of Judah,
- Heb 8:9 Not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by their hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord.
- Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will impart My laws into their mind, and on their hearts I will inscribe them; and I will be God to them, and they will be a people to Me.
- Heb 8:11 And they shall by no means each teach his fellow citizen and each his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for all will know Me from the little one to the great one among them.
- Heb 8:12 For I will be propitious to their unrighteousnesses, and their sins I shall by no means remember anymore."

**I. Based on the fact that Jeremiah prophesies concerning the new covenant, the book of Jeremiah may be considered an Old Testament book that is also a New Testament book— 2:13; 17:9; 13:23; 23:5-6; 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8-12.**

- Jer 2:13 For My people have committed two evils: / They have forsaken Me, / The fountain of living waters, / To hew out for themselves cisterns, / Broken cisterns, / Which hold no water.
- Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, / And it is incurable; / Who can know it?
- Jer 13:23 Can the Cushite change his skin, / Or the leopard his spots? / Then you also may be able to do good, / Who are accustomed to do evil.
- Jer 23:5 Indeed, days are coming, / Declares Jehovah, / When I will raise up to David a righteous Shoot; / And He will reign as King and act prudently / And will execute justice and righteousness in the land.
- Jer 23:6 In His days Judah will be saved, / And Israel will dwell securely; / And this is His name by which He will be called, / Jehovah our righteousness.
- Jer 31:31 Indeed, days are coming, declares Jehovah, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,
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## **II. Christ Himself is the new covenant, the new testament, given to us by God— Isa. 42:6; 49:8:**

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### **A. God's salvation, God's blessings, and all of God's riches have been covenanted to us, and this covenant is Christ:**

1. The reality of all the hundreds of bequests in the New Testament is Christ—Gen. 22:18a; Gal. 3:14; 1 Cor. 1:30; 15:45b; Eph. 1:3.
 

Gen 22:18a And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, ...

Gal 3:14 In order that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

1 Cor 1:30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ,
2. Christ is the reality of the new testament, the reality of all that God is and of all that God has given to us; therefore, Christ is the new testament.

### **B. The way to receive and enjoy Christ as the covenant to us is to exercise our spirit, to live according to our spirit, and to remain in our spirit, with which is the very Christ, by calling on Christ our Lord's name—Isa. 42:5-6; Zech. 12:1; Rom. 8:4b; Rev. 1:10a; 2 Tim. 4:22; Isa. 12:3-4.**

- Isa 42:5 Thus says God Jehovah, / Who created the heavens and stretched them out, / Who spread forth the earth and what springs up from it, / Who gives breath to the people upon it / And spirit to those who walk on it:
- Isa 42:6 I am Jehovah; I have called You in righteousness; / I have held You by the hand; / I have kept You and I have given You / As a covenant for the people, as a light for the nations;
- Zech 12:1 The burden of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. Thus declares Jehovah, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundations of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him, ... who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.
- Rom 8:4b ... who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.
- Rev 1:10a I was in spirit on the Lord's Day ...
- 2 Tim 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.
- Isa 12:3 Therefore you will draw water with rejoicing / From the springs of salvation,
- Isa 12:4 And you will say in that day, / Give thanks to Jehovah; call upon His name! / Make His deeds

known among the peoples; / Remind them that His name is exalted.

### **III. The contents of the new covenant (Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 8:8-12) include the following four blessings as God's bequests to us:**

- Jer 31:31 Indeed, days coming, declares Jehovah, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,
- Jer 31:32 Not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by their hand to bring them out from the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was their Husband, declares Jehovah.
- Jer 31:33 But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares Jehovah: I will put My law in their inward parts and write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.
- Jer 31:34 And they will no longer teach, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for all of them will know Me, from the little one among them even to the great one among them, declares Jehovah, for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.
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#### **A. "I will impart My laws into their mind, and on their hearts I will inscribe them"—v. 10:**

- Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will impart My laws into their mind, and on their hearts I will inscribe them; and I will be God to them, and they will be a people to Me.
1. **Every life has a law and even is a law—Prov. 30:19a.**  
Prov 30:19a The way of an eagle in the sky, / The way of a serpent upon a rock, ...
  2. **God's life is the highest life, and the law of this life is the highest law—Isa. 40:30-31.**  
Isa 40:30 Although youths will faint and become weary, / And young men will collapse exhausted;  
Isa 40:31 Yet those who wait on Jehovah will renew their strength; / They will mount up with wings like eagles; / They will run and will not faint; / They will walk and will not become weary.
  3. **The Triune God has been processed through incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to become the law of the Spirit of life installed in our spirit—Rom. 8:3, 11, 34, 16.**  
Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,  
Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.  
Rom 8:34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ Jesus who died and, rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.  
Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.
  4. **There are three different laws in the three different parts of our being:**
    - a. **The law of sin and of death derives from Satan, who as sin resides in our flesh—7:18, 23.**  
Rom 7:18 For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; for to will is

- present with me, but to work out the good is not.
- Rom 7:23 But I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and making me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members.
- b. **The law of good in our mind, that is, in our soul, derives from our natural human life—v. 23.**
- Rom 7:23 But I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind and making me a captive to the law of sin which is in my members.
- c. **The law of the Spirit of life derives from the Triune God installed in our spirit—8:2, 16:**
- Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.
- Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.
- 1) **The divine birth has transferred us into a new realm, the realm of the divine life with its law, a realm in which there is no sin, world, or flesh.**
- 2) **In this realm all victories are unconscious and effortless because the law of the Spirit of life is upholding us, not our own will.**
5. **The law of life, the law of the Spirit of life, is the processed Triune God as the life-giving Spirit dwelling in our spirit— vv. 2-3, 11, 34.**
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6. **The law of life is the spontaneous power of life; it is the natural characteristic and the innate, automatic function of life.**
7. **The function of the law of life is:**
- a. **To make us God in life, nature, and expression but not in the Godhead, shaping us into the image of the firstborn Son of God so that we may become His corporate expression—vv. 2, 29.**
- Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has freed me in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and of death.
- Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;
- b. **To constitute us the members of the Body of Christ with all kinds of functions—Eph. 4:11-12, 16.**
- Eph 4:11 And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers,
- Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ,
- Eph 4:16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.
8. **We enjoy the dispensing of life into our being for the accomplishment of God's economy by the working of the law of the Spirit of life— Jer. 31:33; Heb. 8:10; Rom. 8:10, 6, 11.**
- Jer 31:33 But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares Jehovah: I will put My law in their inward parts and write it upon their hearts;

- and I will be their God, and they will be My people.
- Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will impart My laws into their mind, and on their hearts I will inscribe them; and I will be God to them, and they will be a people to Me.
- Rom 8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness.
- Rom 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.
- Rom 8:11 And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.
9. We need to cooperate with the installed and operating law of the Spirit of life by “switching on” this law—1 Thes. 5:16-18; Luke 8:15.
- 1 Thes 5:16 Always rejoice,
- 1 Thes 5:17 Unceasingly pray,
- 1 Thes 5:18 In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- Luke 8:15 But that which is in the good earth, these are those who in a noble and good heart hear the word and hold it fast and bear fruit with endurance.
10. God’s economy is to dispense Himself into our being by and as the law of the Spirit of life so that our being might be constituted with His being to be one constitution with His being.
11. The law of the divine life “sonizes” us for the building up of the Body of Christ:
- a. When the law of life, which is in our spirit, spreads into our inward parts—our mind, emotion, and will—it becomes several laws— Jer. 31:33; Heb. 8:10; cf. 2 Cor. 3:3:
- Jer 31:33 But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares Jehovah: I will put My law in their inward parts and write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.
- Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will impart My laws into their mind, and on their hearts I will inscribe them; and I will be God to them, and they will be a people to Me.
- 2 Cor 3:3 Since you are being manifested that you are a letter of Christ ministered by us, inscribed not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tablets of stone but in tablets of hearts of flesh.
- 1) This spreading is the imparting, and the imparting is the inscribing.
  - 2) By the working, the spreading, of the law of life within us, God makes us the same as He is in life, nature, and expression.
  - 3) We are conformed to the image of the firstborn Son of God by the working of the law of life.
- b. The firstborn Son is the prototype, the standard model, for the mass reproduction of the many sons of God, who are His many brothers, to constitute His Body for God’s corporate expression—Rom. 8:29:
- Rom 8:29 Because those whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the Firstborn among many brothers;
- 1) God’s way to mass reproduce this prototype is to work His living prototype, the firstborn Son, into our entire being.
  - 2) If we cooperate with and open up to this wonderful prototype, He will spread outward from our spirit into our soul.
  - 3) The indwelling prototype, the firstborn Son of God, automatically works in us as the law of life to conform us to His image, to “sonize” us.
  - 4) In His recovery the Lord is working desperately among us to make every one of us the same as the firstborn Son.

5) The Body of Christ as the new man is the corporate reproduction of the standard model, the firstborn Son of God.

B. “I will be God to them, and they will be a people to Me”—Heb. 8:10:

Heb 8:10 For this is the covenant which I will covenant with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will impart My laws into their mind, and on their hearts I will inscribe them; and I will be God to them, and they will be a people to Me.

1. For God to be our God means that He is our inheritance, and for us to be God’s people means that we are God’s inheritance—Eph. 1:11, 14, 18; 3:21.

Eph 1:11 In whom also we were designated as an inheritance, having been predestinated according to the purpose of the One who works all things according to the counsel of His will,

Eph 1:14 Who is the pledge of our inheritance unto the redemption of the acquired possession, to the praise of His glory.

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your heart having been enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

Eph 3:21 To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

2. In the new covenant we have the privilege of having God as our God and of being His people—the enabling of life for us to participate in the enjoyment of God in fellowship with Him so that He can be known by us, apprehended by us, and lived by us—1 John 1:3, 7.

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard we report also to you that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

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

C. “They shall by no means each teach his fellow citizen and each his brother, saying, Know the Lord; for all will know Me from the little one to the great one among them”—Heb. 8:11:

1. The function of life enables us to know God in the inward way of life.

2. We can know God subjectively from within by the sense of life, which is the feeling, the consciousness, of the divine life within us—Rom. 8:6; Eph. 4:18-20; Phil. 3:10a:

Rom 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

Eph 4:18 Being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart;

Eph 4:19 Who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lasciviousness to work all uncleanness in greediness.

Eph 4:20 But you did not so learn Christ,

Phil 3:10a To know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, ...

a. The sense of life involves both the feeling of death and the feeling of life and peace—Rom. 8:6; Isa. 26:3.

Rom 8:6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

Isa 26:3 You will keep the steadfast of mind / In perfect peace / Because he trusts in You.

b. The sense of life makes us know whether we are living in the natural life or in the divine life and whether we are living in the flesh or in the spirit.

c. We should live according to the sense of life in the principle of life, not according to the principle of right and wrong, the principle of death.

3. To know God is to live God; through the spontaneous, automatic function of the divine life within us, we have the capacity to know God, to live God, and even to be one with God in His life and nature so that we may be His corporate expression.

D. “I will be propitious to their unrighteousnesses, and their sins I shall by no means remember anymore”—Heb. 8:12:

1. Christ made propitiation for our sins to appease God’s righteousness, to reconcile us by satisfying the demands of God’s righteousness—2:17.

Heb 2:17 Hence He should have been made like His brothers in all things that He might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

2. The precious and all-efficacious blood of Christ resolves all our problems so that we can remain constantly in fellowship with God to continually enjoy His organic salvation— 1 John 1:7-9; 2:1-2:

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

1 John 1:8 If we say that we do not have sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous;

1 John 2:2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for those of the whole world.

a. Before God, the redeeming blood of the Lord has cleansed us once for all eternally (Heb. 9:12, 14), and the efficacy of that cleansing need not be repeated.

Heb 9:12 And not through the blood of goats and calves but through His own blood, entered once for all into the Holy of Holies, obtaining an eternal redemption.

Heb 9:14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

b. However, in our conscience we need the instant application of the constant cleansing of the Lord’s precious blood again and again whenever our conscience is enlightened by the divine light in our fellowship with God.

3. Once God forgives us, He erases our sins from His memory and remembers them no longer:

a. Forgiveness of sins means the removal of the charges of sin against us before God that we may be delivered from the penalty of God’s righteousness— John 3:18; 5:24.

John 3:18 He who believes into Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe has been condemned already, because he has not believed into the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, He who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life, and does not come into judgment but has passed out of death into life.

b. When God forgives us of our sins, He causes the sins that we have committed to depart from us—Psa. 103:12; Lev. 16:7-10, 15-22.

Psa 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, / So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Lev 16:7 And he shall take the two goats and set them before Jehovah at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

Lev 16:8 And Aaron shall cast lots on the two goats: one lot for Jehovah and the other lot for Azazel.

Lev 16:9 And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot for Jehovah fell, and offer it as a sin offering.

Lev 16:10 But the goat on which the lot for Azazel fell shall be made to stand alive before Jehovah to make expiation over it, that it may be sent away for Azazel into the

- wilderness.
- Lev 16:15 Then he shall slaughter the goat of the sin offering, which is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil, and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it upon the expiation cover and before the expiation cover.
- Lev 16:16 And he shall make expiation for the Holy of Holies because of the uncleannesses of the children of Israel and because of their transgressions, for all their sins. And so he shall do for the Tent of Meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleannesses.
- Lev 16:17 And no one shall be in the Tent of Meeting when he goes in to make expiation in the Holy of Holies until he comes out and has made expiation for himself and for his household and for all the congregation of Israel.
- Lev 16:18 Then he shall go out to the altar that is before Jehovah and make expiation for it, and he shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on and around the horns of the altar.
- Lev 16:19 And he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times; thus he will cleanse it and sanctify it from the uncleannesses of the children of Israel.
- Lev 16:20 And when he has finished making expiation for the Holy of Holies and the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat.
- Lev 16:21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel and all their transgressions, even all their sins; and he shall put them on the head of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness by means of the man who has been appointed.
- Lev 16:22 Thus the goat shall bear away all their iniquities on itself to a solitary land, and he shall let the goat go in the wilderness.

4. **God's forgiveness of our sins results in our fearing Him and loving Him in our restored fellowship with Him—Psa. 130:4; Luke 7:47.**

Psa 130:4 But with You there is forgiveness, / That You would be feared.

Luke 7:47 For this reason I say to you, Her sins which are many are forgiven, because she loved much; but to whom little is forgiven, he loves little.

**IV. The new covenant will ultimately issue in the New Jerusalem, the embodiment of God's new covenant to express God in a corporate way to the uttermost for eternity—Gal. 4:26-28, 31.**

Gal 4:26 But the Jerusalem above is free, which is our mother;

Gal 4:27 For it is written, "Rejoice, barren one who does not bear; break forth and shout, you who are not travelling, because many are the children of her who is desolate rather than of her who has her husband."

Gal 4:28 But you, brothers, in the way Isaac was, are children of promise.

Gal 4:31 So then, brothers, we are not children of the maidservant but of the free woman.