



## The Word of God (Two Covenants)

Galatians 4:21-27 (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? <sup>22</sup> For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. <sup>23</sup> But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. <sup>24</sup> Now this may be interpreted allegorically: **these women are two covenants.** One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. <sup>25</sup> **Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia;** she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. <sup>26</sup> **But the Jerusalem above is free,** and she is our mother.

2 Corinthians 3:4-11 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, <sup>6</sup> who has made us competent to be ministers of a **new covenant**, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For **the letter kills**, but **the Spirit gives life.** <sup>7</sup> Now if **the ministry of death**, carved in letters on stone, came with such glory that the Israelites could not gaze at Moses' face because of its glory, which was being brought to an end, <sup>8</sup> will not **the ministry of the Spirit** have even more glory? <sup>9</sup> For if there was glory in **the ministry of condemnation**, **the ministry of righteousness** must far exceed it in glory. <sup>10</sup> Indeed, in this case, what once had glory has come to have no glory at all, because of the glory that surpasses it. <sup>11</sup> For if what was being brought to an end came with glory, much more will what is permanent have glory.

Galatians 6:7-9 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; **for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.** <sup>8</sup> For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Two Covenants; also known as testaments or "wills." The underlying foundation of the Two Covenants is the principle of sowing and reaping as shown above. The Old Covenant or Law describes sowing to our flesh and reaping corruption while the New Covenant or Promise describes sowing to the Spirit and reaping everlasting life.

At this time, the Two Covenants run parallel (Heb. 8:8-13) until all the prophetic components of His Law have been fulfilled by Christ (Matt. 5:17).

The Word of God incorporates His Two Covenants; Old and New. This is the “*two-edged sword*,” the dynamic essence of His truth which pierces “even to the *division* of *soul* and *spirit*, and of *joints* and *marrow*, and is a discerner of the *thoughts* and *intents* of the heart.”

Not surprisingly, two is the number of *division* as well as *witness*, revealing to us that God’s living Word must first divide in order to make us a true testimony or witness of His Son.