

[IN GOD'S IMAGE 35 – NEW COVENANT CHART]

Last time we looked at Jesus fulfilling the role of mediating the New Covenant at the last supper.

- ◆ Now after washing the disciple's feet, and instituting the New Covenant with the symbols of the bread and wine, Jesus, in a remarkable discourse after supper, gives the disciples an insight into what the Godhead has in store for mankind once the broken communion between God and man has been restored.
- ◆ ***John 17:20-24******"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,***
- ◆ So we see the promise is not just for the disciples, it is expanded to include future generations of those who believe in Jesus Christ.
- ◆ ***V.21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— 23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.***
- ◆ Here Jesus spells out the ultimate purpose God has for mankind, to share in the intimate life and love of the Godhead itself.
- ◆ This is where the term "perichoresis" comes from. The Godhead experiences a relationship so intimate the best description humans can come up with is "mutual indwelling."
- ◆ The purpose of making us in God's image is so we can participate in this same intimate relationship.
- ◆ ***Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.24 "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.***
- ◆ And what is the promise to those who believe in Jesus Christ? ***"to be with me where I am, and to see my glory."***
- ◆ Not only to be with and see Jesus' glory, but as we learn later on, to be given a glorified body to participate fully in the spiritual community of heaven (Romans 8:17).

This is why the New Covenant is so far superior to the Old Covenant as the author to the book of Hebrews points out.

- ◆ ***Hebrews 8:6 But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.***
 - ◆ Besides the fact the Old Covenant was temporary whose effectiveness relied completely on the fulfilment of the New Covenant anyway, the New Covenant was far superior in that the saving priestly ministry of Jesus is superior to Moses' and Aaron's; the Mediator, Jesus, is superior; and the promises, spiritual blessings, are superior.
 - ◆ The New Covenant comes into effect the next day when Jesus literally sacrifices His body and blood as the penalty for our sins.
 - ◆ Now we can look at the completed chart on the covenants between God and mankind.
- Chart on the New Covenant. (See chart below).***

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Covenants Between God and Man

	Noah <i>Gen 9:8-17</i>	Abraham <i>Gen 12:1-3</i> <i>Gen 17:1-22</i>	Moses <i>Ex 19:3-8, Deut 4:1-14,</i> <i>Deut 5:1-32</i>	Jesus <i>Jer 31:31-34, Luke</i> <i>22:19-20, 1 Cor 11:23-</i> <i>26, 2 Cor 3:1-17,</i> <i>Heb 1-10</i>
Parties to Covenant	God/Noah, descendants, every living creature (Gen 9:8-10)	God/Abraham and his descendants (Gen 17:7)	God/Moses and the Nation of Israel (Ex 19:3)	God/Jesus on behalf of all mankind (Acts 2:1-21, Rom 10:12-13, Gal 3:26-29, Eph 2:11-22, Heb 9:15)
Type of Covenant Conditional/ Unconditional	Unconditional – Man didn't have to do anything	Conditional - on Faith (Gen 15:6, Rom 4, Gal 3:6-9)	Conditional - on obedience (Ex 19:5-8, Deut 4:13, 5:32)	Conditional - on faith in Jesus (Acts 2:21, Rom 4, Rom 5:18-19, Eph 2:8-10, Phil 3:7-11)
Type of Blessing (Promise) Temporal/Eternal	Temporal – no more floods (Gen 9:11)	Temporal and Eternal – “Great Nation” and “All nations blessed through you” – referring to Jesus (Gen 12:1-3)	Temporal – “Blessed in the city, blessed in the country” etc. (Lev 26, Deut 28)	Eternal – Eternal Life (John 3:15-16, Rom 6:23, 1 John 5:11-13)
Entry into Covenant	No Condition	Faith (Gen 15:6)	Circumcision (Ex 12:43-51, Lev 12:1-3)	Faith/Repentance/Baptism/Born Again through the Spirit (John 3:3-7, Acts 2:37-38)
Signs of Covenant	Rainbow (Gen 9:12-16)	Circumcision (Gen 17:11)	Sabbath (Ex 31:12-17, Ez 20:12,20)	Lord's Supper/Love one another as I have loved you (1Cor 11:24-26, John 13:34-35)
Status of Covenant Still in effect or terminated	In Effect	In Effect (Gen 17:7)	Terminated – even though it was an everlasting covenant, it was terminated because Israel did not keep their side of the covenant (Jer 31:31-33, Ez 20:1-49, Matt 27:51, John 19:30, Heb 7:11,18, 8:6-13)	In Effect – Jesus died for our sins and lived up to the righteous requirements of law for us (John 1:29, 1 Cor 15:3, 2 Cor 5:2, Heb 7:18, Heb 10:8-14)
Dietary Changes	All food – no restrictions (Gen 9:3)	No change	“Clean” Foods only (Lev 11)	All food – no restrictions (Rom 14:14, 20, Gal 2:11-16)
Additional Comments		Foreshadowed the New Covenant (Gal 3:29)	Ineffective against sin (Heb 7:18) External Regulations - standards written on stone (2 Cor 3, Heb 9:9-10) Motivation based on “blessing and curses” (Lev 26, Deut 28) Human effort (Gal 2:16, 21) Shadow (Col 2:16) Relationship through priesthood and law (Heb 9:1-10) Available to Israel only (Eph 2:11-22)	Effective against Sin (Heb 7:22-28) Internal Relationship - standards written on hearts (2 Cor 3) Motivation based on grace and desire to love and serve God (2 Cor 5:14-15) God's Grace (Heb 7:22-25) Reality (Heb 10:1) Personal Relationship with God through Jesus (Heb 4:14-16, Heb 10:19-23) Available to all (Eph 2:11-22, Col 3:11)