The New & Everlasting Covenant

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Part 1
The Everlasting Covenant





Christ is the Eyerlasting Covenant



- "All things were made through Him [Christ], and without Him nothing was made that was made" (John 1:3).
- "He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him" (John 1:10).
- *Because the whole of creation was made through Christ, all humanity is, born with the natural law of Christ on their hearts.
- To Israel, God further gave His written law—the Torah.

All Haye Fallen Short



- *We are all born with the sinful and rebellious nature of Adam.
- "The earth is also defiled under its inhabitants, Because they have transgressed the laws, Changed the ordinance, Broken the everlasting covenant" (Isaiah 24:5).
- *We have all fallen short of both God's natural and written law.

We Will All Be Judged



"For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, who show the work of the law written in their hearts..." (Romans 2:12-15).

To Israel Belong the Promises



- or "For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God" (Romans 9:3-5).
- C "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6).

The New Covenant with Israel



"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a *new* covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord" (Jeremiah 31:31-32).

The New Covenant with Israel



"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more" (Jeremiah 31:33-34).

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"For I, the Lord, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, and will make with them [Israel] an *everlasting covenant*. Their descendants shall be known among the Gentiles, And their offspring among the people. All who see them shall acknowledge them, That they are the posterity whom the Lord has blessed" (Isaiah 61:8-9).

An Everlasting Covenant to the Gentiles



"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price... Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—The sure mercies of David. Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, A leader and commander for the people. Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, And nations who do not know you shall run to you, Because of the Lord your God, And the Holy One of Israel; For He has glorified you" (Isaiah 55:1-5).

Promises to Abraham



- The everlasting covenant, which is Christ, is the same and equal covenant that was promised through Abraham to both Jew and Gentile.
- "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you [Abraham], and you shall be a father of many nations" (Genesis 17:4).
- *It is the *same* covenant.
- There are not two covenants.

Christ is the Mediator



- Christ is the mediator of this new everlasting covenant to both Jew and Gentile.
- To the Jew, we are under the *new* everlasting covenant (emphasis on *new*), free from the condemnation and judgment of the Old Covenant—the written law.
- To the Gentiles, you are under the new *everlasting* covenant (emphasis on *everlasting*), free from the condemnation of the natural—unwritten law of sin and death.

Christ is the Mediator



- "Even so through one Man's [Christ'] righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life" (Romans 5:8).
- "That the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel" (Ephesians 3:6).

God's Sovereignty



- The covenant with the Gentiles does not have to be administered through the nation of Israel, nor does it make the Jewish people, intermediaries to God's covenant with the Gentiles.
- And it does not require the Gentiles to become Jews to enter the everlasting covenant.
- Nor does it require the Jewish people to relinquish their natural identity either.

Full Equality



- God has sovereignly established His everlasting covenant with each person, regardless of their nationality or ethnicity.
- This is God's sovereign work of salvation amongst the nations.
- "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).
- There is full equality between Jew and Gentile.

Part 2 One New Man





Retaining our Identities



- *We each have been uniquely created in the image of Christ
- *Yet we are one people of God comprised of every tongue, tribe, nation, and people on the face of the earth, to worship Him with the diversity of culture, language, and ethnicity He has given each of us.

The Commonwealth of Israel



- The church is not comprised of just the nation of Israel.
- The church is Israel plus the Gentile nations joined to her.
- "I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a nation [Israel] and a company of nations shall proceed from you, and kings shall come from your body" (Genesis 35:11).
- Paul refers to this as the "commonwealth of Israel" (Ephesians 2:12).

The Cultivated Olive Tree



- And he uses the analogy of a cultivate Olive tree to illustrate this great mystery (Romans 11:24).
- The tree is comprised of natural branches (Israelites), and wild ones (the Gentiles), who have been grafted in contrary to nature.

Father of Many Nations



- The tree is Christ, and the root is the fathers, the foundation of the church, connecting both the Jew and Gentile to Abraham—the father of many nations.
- "Foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, 'In you all the nations shall be blessed" (Galatians 3:8).

Paul goes on to say:



- "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:29).
- "And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd" (John 10:16).
- "Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all" (Romans 4:16).

One New Man



α "Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:11-13).

One New Man



or "For He Himself is our peace, who has made both *one*, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself *one new man* from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in *one* body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity" (Ephesians 2:14-16).

This Is the Church



- This is the fulfillment of the promise given to Abraham.
- That we are one new man and one people of God comprised of every tongue, tribe, nation, and people.
- This is the church.

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