

Contrast between the Old and New Covenant¹

Old Covenant	New Covenant
Preliminary, preparatory, precursor	Final, "once and for all" (Heb. 7:27; 9:12,26; 10:10,12,14), ultimate
Promise of fulfillment Prophecy of new covenant	Fulfillment of promise and prophecy (Jere. 31:31-34; Ezek. 37:26; Lk 1:72; Acts 3:25; 7:8; Rom 11:27; Gal 3:17,29)
Temporary, transitory, fading (II Cor. 3:11)	Permanent, remains (II Cor. 3:11; Heb 7:24) Eternality of Christ's life (Jn 3:16)
Pre-figuring, pictorial, preview Symbol/parable (Heb. 9:9) Pattern (Heb. 8:5), blueprint	Reality (Jn. 14:6)
Shadow (Heb. 8:5; 10:1)	Substance (Col. 2:17; Heb. 10:1)
Physical, racial, national	Spiritual, re-birth, new heart and spirit (Jere. 32:39; Ezek. 37:14)
Exclusivistic, elitist (Eph. 2:12)	Universal, non-discriminatory (Gal. 3:28)
Concealed, veiled God's intent (II Cor. 3:12-18)	Reveals God's intent in Christ (Col. 1:27; 2:2)
Pointed to Messiah Gen. 3:15 II Sam. 7:12-16 Isa. 9:6,7; 53:1-12	Enacted in Jesus Christ (Lk. 22:20; I Cor. 11:25; II Cor. 3:6; Heb. 8:8-13 Mediator (Heb. 9:15; 12:24; I Tim 2:5) Surety, Guarantee (Heb. 7:22)
Means to an end; not end in itself	End intent of God (Rom. 10:4; Eph. 1:3,10) Finished work - (Jn. 19:30)
Limited hope	Better hope - (Heb. 7:19; 10:23; I Tim. 1:1)
Animal sacrifices (Ex. 24:5,8; Heb 9:12,20) shedding of blood (Heb. 9:18,22)	Sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Heb. 9:12; 13:20) Ratified by His blood (Heb. 9:12-24) Lamb of God
Commemorated Exodus (Exod. 12:14-28) "bread of affliction" (Deut 16:3)	Commemorated in Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:28; Mk 14:24; Lk 22:20; I Cor. 11:25)
Inferior	Superior, better, more excellent (Heb. 8:6,7)
Inadequate, insufficient (Heb. 9:1-10) (quite adequate to reveal man's inadequacy, but not to effect restoration with God and functional expression of divine character)	Adequate, sufficient, competency in Christ (Christian finds His adequacy in Christ - II Cor. 3:5) Functional expression of divine character Partake of divine nature (II Pet. 1:4)

¹ <http://www.christinyou.net/pages/covenants.html>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Could not make righteous (Gal. 2:21) - Could not forgive sin (Heb. 10:4,11) "rolled-over, rolled-back," IOU, stop-gap, cover-up, temporary discharge, held at bay, piled deeper and deeper - Could not impart life (Gal. 3:21) - Could not cleanse conscience (Heb. 9:9) - Could not perfect proper function (Heb. 7:19; 9:9; 10:1) <p>Impotent, ineffectual (Heb. 7:18) Not profitable, beneficial, advantageous</p> <p>Law, legislated standards of behavior, rules and regulations, codes of conduct (II Cor. 3:6,8); ordinances (Eph. 2:15)</p> <p>Performance based obedience obligation, requirements, achievement</p> <p>Behavior modification, ethics, morality Christ</p> <p>Epistemology, belief-system</p> <p>Knowledge "about" God (Heb. 8:11) Cerebral, instructional</p> <p>Physical "people of God" (Exod. 6:7; 29:45; Deut. 27:9; II Sam. 7:23; Jere. 11:4)</p> <p>Physical Israel (Exod. 34:27; Josh. 7:8)</p> <p>External - "letter" (II Cor. 3:6; Rom. 2:29; 7:6) Written, codified Book-religion (Jn. 5:39)</p> <p>Ineffectual, external worship (Heb. 9:1-10; 10:1,2,11)</p> <p>Indirect access through priests, (Heb. 9:8) Day of Atonement "Hide & seek" - II Cor. 3:12-18</p> <p>Sin constantly remembered (Heb. 10:2,3)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Made righteous in Christ - (Jer. 33:16) Rom. 5:19; II Cor. 3:9; 5:21 Holiness (Heb. 10:14) - Sins forgiven (Jere. 31:34; Ezek 16:63; Matt. 26:28; Rom. 11:27; Heb. 10:18 Saved forever - Heb. 7:25 Day of salvation (Isa 49:8; Jere 33:16) - Life of God in Christ (John 10:10) - Cleanses conscience (Heb. 9:14; 10:22) - Perfects proper function of mankind (Phil. 3:15; Heb. 7:28; 10:14; 12:23) <p>Empowering, enabling Provision in Christ (II Cor. 3:4-6) Holy Spirit advantage (Ezek. 36:27; Jn. 16:7; II Cor. 3:6,7; 17,18)</p> <p>Grace - the dynamic of God's activity to express His character "Law written in hearts" (Heb. 8:10;10:16)</p> <p>Relationally based obedience - "listen under" Obedience of faith (Rom. 1:5)</p> <p>Behavior manifestation of life of Jesus Christ (II Cor. 4:10,11)</p> <p>Ontological presence of God's Being (Ezek. 37:27; Eph. 2:22)</p> <p>Relational intimacy in "knowing" God in Christ (Jere. 31:34; Heb. 8:11)</p> <p>Spiritual "People of God" (Jere 31:33,34; 32:38; Ezek. 37:27; II Cor. 6:16; Heb. 8:10; I Pet. 2:9,10; Rev. 21:3)</p> <p>Spiritual Israel (Jere. 31:31,33; Ezek. 34:30; 37:28; Rom. 9:6; Gal. 6:16)</p> <p>Internal - Law written in hearts (Heb. 8:10; 10:16) Investiture with dynamic presence and character of God</p> <p>Effectual worship of God (Heb. 8:1-6; 9:1-14; 10:24,25; 13:15)</p> <p>Direct access to God (II Cor. 3:12-18; Heb. 7:25; 10:19) Reconciled - Rom. 5:10,11; II Cor 5:18</p> <p>Sin remembered no more - Jer. 31:34;</p>
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Day of Atonement Sin-conscious, sin-confessing, sin-suppressing, sin-recounting	Heb. 8:12; 10:17 Christ-conscious Finished work of Christ (Jn. 19:30)
Threat of punishment	Punishment taken in Jesus Christ He took death consequences
Condemnation (II Cor. 3:9)	No condemnation (Rom. 8:1) Liberating, freeing (II Cor. 3:17)
Static	Dynamic, vital, active, living
Ends in death; die trying to perform and conform (II Cor. 3:6,7), kills	Expresses life of God in Christ (II Cor. 3:6,7)
Physical kingdom	Reign of Christ as Lord, Lordship of Christ Kingdom of God; Theocratic rule Spiritual fulfillment of Davidic kingdom (Jere. 33:17; Ezek. 37:24)
Reveals the need for the new (Heb. 8:7)	Reveals "newness of life" in Christ (Rom. 6)
Inferior glory (II Cor. 3)	Superior glory (II Cor. 3:7-11,18)
Planned obsolescence (Heb. 8:13), served its purpose, outdated, out-moded, antiquated, thing of the past, fazed out	Forever functionally new (Ezek. 37:28) abides forever - Heb. 7:24 faultless - Heb. 8:7 consummation of ages - Heb. 9:26
Taken away (Heb. 10:9), supplanted, superseded, done with	Never broken, remains (II Cor. 3:11) Surpasses old (II Cor. 3:10)
Set aside (Heb. 7:18), displaced, replaced, faded away (II Cor. 3:11,13), terminated, canceled, invalidated, disavowed, put away, annulled, abrogated, abolished, null and void, ceased to exist	Eternality of Christ's operative life (Jere. 32:40; Heb. 13:20) Eternal inheritance (Heb. 9:15)