



A New and Better Way (2 Corinthians 2:14-7:2)

I. It's a New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a **new covenant** with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.

Luke 22:20

In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the **new covenant** in my blood, which is poured out for you.

1 Corinthians 11:25

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the **new covenant** in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

2 Corinthians 3:6-11

He has made us competent as ministers of a **new covenant**—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. ⁷ Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved

in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹ If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰ For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹ And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

Hebrews 7:22

Because of this oath, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better **covenant**.

Hebrews 8:6-13

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.⁷ For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. ⁸ But God found fault with the people and said:

“The days are coming, declares the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

⁹ It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they did not remain faithful to my covenant,
and I turned away from them,
declares the Lord.

¹⁰ This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel
after that time, declares the Lord.

I will put my laws in their minds
and write them on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

¹¹ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest.

¹² For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more."

¹³ By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one
obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.

Hebrews 9:15

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a **new covenant**, that
those who are called may receive the promised eternal
inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free
from the sins committed under the first covenant.

Hebrews 12:24

to Jesus the mediator of a **new covenant**, and to the sprinkled
blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Embrace the Chains

2 Corinthians 2:14

¹⁴ But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in
Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of
the knowledge of him everywhere.

II. The new and better way

2 Corinthians 11

Whatever anyone else dares to boast about—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast about. ²² Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they Abraham’s descendants? So am I. ²³ Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, ²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. ²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. ²⁸ Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I do not feel weak? Who is led into sin, and I do not inwardly burn?

III. We are chained to the chariot

IV. Don’t resist the chains