

Jesus Christ Our Great High Priest

Part 16 The BETTER Covenant

Acts 23:6

6 But perceiving that one group were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, Paul began crying out in the Council, "Brethren, I AM a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am on trial for the hope and resurrection of the dead!"

Philippians 3:4-7

4 although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, I far more: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

2 Corinthians 3

1 Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some, letters of commendation to you or from you? 2 You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; 3 being manifested that **you are a letter of Christ**, cared for by **US**, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

4 Such confidence we have through Christ (do you see everything is through Christ?) toward God. 5 Not that **we** are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God,

6 who also made US adequate as servants of a NEW covenant, NOT of the LETTER BUT of the SPIRIT; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

2 Corinthians 1:19

19 For the Son of God, Christ Jesus, who was preached among you by **US**— by me (*Paul*) and Silvanus and Timothy—was not yes and no, but is yes in Him.

2 Corinthians 3:6ff

6 who also made US adequate as servants of a new covenant, NOT of the LETTER BUT of the SPIRIT; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

7 But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at the face of Moses because of the glory of his face, fading as it was, 8 how will **THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT** fail to be even MORE with glory? 9 For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, **MUCH MORE** does **THE MINISTRY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** ABOUND in glory.

The 'ministry of the spirit' = the 'ministry of righteousness', which is OBEDIENCE.

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10 For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory because of the glory that surpasses it. 11 For if that which fades away was with glory, **MUCH MORE** that which remains is in glory.

12 Therefore having such a HOPE, we use great boldness in our speech,

Hebrews 6:18-20

18 so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the **HOPE** set before us. 19 This **HOPE** we have as an anchor of the soul, a **HOPE** both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil, 20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

2 Corinthians 3:13ff

13 and are not like Moses, who used to put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not look intently at the end of what was fading away. 14 But their MINDS were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. 15 But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; 16 BUT whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Hebrews 1:4

4 having become as much **BETTER** than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

Hebrews 7:18-25

18 For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness 19 (for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a **BETTER** hope, **THROUGH** which we draw near to God. 20 And inasmuch as it was not without an oath 21 (for they indeed became priests without an oath, but He with an oath through the One who said to Him, "THE LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT CHANGE HIS MIND, 'YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER'"); 22 so much the MORE also Jesus has become the guarantee of a **BETTER** covenant. 23 The former priests, on the one hand, existed in greater numbers because they were prevented by death from continuing,

24 BUT Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues **FOREVER**, holds His priesthood **PERMANENTLY**.

25 **THEREFORE**He **IS ABLE** also to **SAVE** forever **THOSE** who draw near to God **THROUGH Him**, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 8:1-6

1 Now **THE MAIN POINT** in what has been said **IS THIS**: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a minister **IN** the sanctuary and **IN** the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man.

3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices; so it is necessary that this high priest also have something to **OFFER**. 4 Now if He were on earth, He would not be a priest at all, since there are those who offer the gifts according to the Law;

5 who serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, just as Moses was warned by God when he was about to erect the tabernacle; for, "SEE," He says, "THAT YOU MAKE all things **ACCORDING TO THE PATTERN WHICH WAS SHOWN YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN**."

6 BUT NOW He has obtained a **MORE EXCELLENT MINISTRY**, by as much as He is also the mediator of a **BETTER covenant**, which has been enacted on **BETTER** promises.

1 John 1:8-10

8 **IF** we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

9 **IF** we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 **IF** we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

Hebrews 9:23

23 Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with **BETTER** sacrifices than these.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

23 For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the **NEW COVENANT** in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

