




THE NEW COVENANT

David Hillson
25 June 2000



Revision

1. What are the four types of covenant?
 - **International, Legal, Parity, Personal**
2. Covenants have 4 characteristics - what?
 - **Relationship, Benefits, Guarantee, Acceptance**
3. What is the key to understanding God's covenant?
 - **GRACE!**
4. Name five biblical covenants
 - **Noah, Abraham, Moses/Sinai, David, New**

2



TTT - Key Learning Points

- What have you remembered about ...
 - Mosaic/Sinai covenant
 - Abrahamic covenant
 - Davidic covenant
- For each one, what are the ...
 - blessings/benefits?
 - scope?
 - conditions?

3



Homework

- The nation of **Israel** was born at **Mount Sinai**, celebrated at the feast of **Pentecost**
- The **church** was born in **Jerusalem** at a later feast of **Pentecost**
- **Compare & contrast!!**
 - **similarities & differences**

4




The New Covenant

- Jeremiah 31:31-34, Ezekiel 36:24-28
- Four key benefits (Jeremiah 31):
 - Law in minds/hearts
 - I will be your God, you will be my people
 - They will all know me
 - I will forgive
- Four key benefits (Ezekiel 36):
 - My Spirit within you, to move you
 - They will be my people, I will be their God
 - New heart/new spirit, heart of flesh
 - You will be clean

Relationship!

5



Exercise in pairs

- Jeremiah 31 :32
 - “... *not like the covenant I made with their fathers...*”
- How is it different?

6



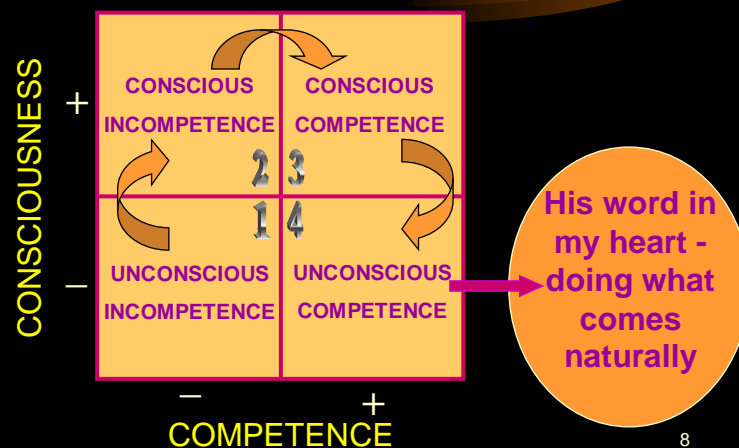
Details of New Covenant

- **MEANS :**
 - “law in minds & hearts”
 - thoughts, attitudes, decisions
 - feelings, emotions, personality
 - “flesh not stone”
 - naturally supernatural

7



The learning cycle



8



Details of New Covenant

- **METHOD :**
 - “My Spirit within you ...
 - ... to move you to keep my laws”
- Walk in the Spirit
 - Galatians 5:16-25
- Spirit and Word
 - Isaiah 59:21

9



Details of New Covenant

- **MOTIVE :**
 - relationship of intimacy
 - “I will be *their God* & they will be *my people*”
- Hosea 2:16-20
 - betrothal
- Revelation 21:1-7
 - ultimate destiny

10



Details of New Covenant

- **MANDATORY REQUIREMENT**
 - Forgiveness & cleansing
 - “I will forgive” / “You will be clean”
 - no automatic right of entry
- The door of repentance

11



Old and New

- Note **continuity** of terms
 - Exodus 19:5-6, I Peter 2:9-10
- **Who** is New Covenant for?
 - Israel/Jews? Church/Christians? Us?
- Four alternative positions :
 - replaced
 - fulfilled
 - parallel
 - unified

See Romans 11

NB : Later cannot cancel former (Galatians 3:15-18)

12



Final meditation (2 groups)

Compare & contrast Old and New Covenants

- Hebrews 12:18-24
- Galatians 4:22-31

13



New Covenant summary

- Continuity with previous covenants
- Dependent on God's grace
- Internal, heart attitudes, natural
- Spirit and Word
- Intimacy is the destination
- Repentance is the doorway
- *"It's for yoo-hoo!"* (Acts 2:39)

14



Series summary

- Covenant is a key biblical principle
 - God's MO
- Key themes :
 - grace, judgement, mercy
 - relationship, intimacy
 - continuity, destiny
- He offers - will we accept?

15



Any questions?

C O V E N A N T