

## Abrahamic Covenant

### Participants:

- God with
- Abraham,
  - Isaac +
  - Jacob +
  - descendants

### Promises:

1. a nation
2. a seed  
= Christ  
(Gal 3:16)
3. a land
4. worldwide blessing

### Features:

**Unilateral**  
**Unconditional**  
**Everlasting**

### Sons of Ab.

- Gal 3:7,9 those who are of faith
- Gal 3:9 blessed w. Ab. the believer
- Gal 3:14 in Christ Jesus the blessing of Ab. comes to Gentiles  
--> rec' the Spirit through faith
- Gal 3:26 all sons of God thro' faith in Christ Jesus
- Gal 3:29 belong to Christ = Ab's offspring, heirs according to promise

## The Old Covenant

Made with the nation of Israel after deliverance from Egypt

Promised blessing for obedience to covenant  
curses for disobedience

Centered around the Law – written on stone  
& the Tabernacle on earth  
& the regulations for divine worship

- a. priesthood - many, daily sacrifices
- b. offerings - many, animals
- c. blood - animals, covering for sin  
can't make worshipper perfect in conscience

**CONDEMNATION :: OF DISOBEDIENCE**

## The New Covenant

Made with the house of Israel + Judah  
Gentiles added in / mystery

Features: unconditional  
everlasting  
the Law – written on hearts  
the Tabernacle in heaven

- a. priesthood - one, Christ
- b. offerings - offered once, Christ
- c. blood - of Christ, cleanses the conscience, once for all

**FORGIVENESS OF SINS :: NO CONDEMNATION**

## 2 Corinthians Chapter Three

### The Old Covenant (v14)

#### v7 the ministry of death

- in letter engraved on stone (v3,7)
- of the letter which kills (v6)
- came with glory (v7)

#### v9 the ministry of condemnation

- has glory (v9, 10, 11)
- that which fades away (v11, 13)

### The Problem

#### Moses veiled his face (v13)

= Jews' minds were hardened (v14) **unreceptive, stupefied**  
= a veil lies over their heart (v15)

**Moses' veil prevented the sons of Israel from looking intently at the glory of God on his face (v13)**

### Exodus 34:29-35

v29 the skin of Moses' face shone (v30, 35)

**reason:** v29 because of his speaking with God

**result:** v30 Aaron + all the sons of Israel were afraid to come near him

v31 Moses spoke with them

v32 & commanded them to do everything the Lord had spoken

v33 Moses put a veil over his face

v34 when Moses went in before the Lord to speak with Him,

he would take the veil off

v34 speak to the sons of Israel of God's commands

v35 Then he would replace the veil over his face

### The New Covenant (v6)

#### v8 the ministry of the Spirit

- on tablets of human hearts (v3)
- of the Spirit which gives life (v6)
- has even more glory (v8)

#### v9 the ministry of righteousness

- abounds in greater glory (v9,10,11)
- that which remains (v11)

### The Solution

**v16 the veil is taken away whenever a man turns to the Lord (v16,14)**

### Benefits

v17 liberty

v18 we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory

v3 you are a letter of Christ written w. the Spirit of the living God on tablets of human hearts

### c.f. Ezekiel 11:19-20

**God will give one heart, a heart of flesh**

**God will put a new Spirit within**  
**result:** they will walk in His statutes ...  
they will be My people  
& I will be their God

## The Law

### What it can't do:

3:2,5 can't cause you to receive the Spirit  
3:5 can't work miracles  
3:11 can't justify us before God  
3:17 does not invalidate the Abrahamic Covenant  
3:21 is not able to impart life

### What it does:

3:10 put us under a curse  
3:23 keep us in custody  
3:24 leads us to Christ

### What it is:

3:12 not of faith  
3:24 our tutor

### Why the Law:

3:19 added because of transgressions  
3:22 shut up all men under sin

## Faith

### Benefits of faith:

3:2,5,14 receive the Spirit  
3:5 God works miracles  
3:6 Ab's faith reckoned as righteousness  
3:7,26 those of faith are sons of Abraham  
3:8, 24 Gentiles are justified by faith  
3:9 those of faith are blessed with Abraham the believer  
3:14 receive the promise of the Spirit  
3:22 given the promise by faith in Jesus Christ

### Means of living:

3:11 the righteous man shall live by faith

## The Promise of the Spirit

### To whom:

3:16,18 to Abraham  
3:16,19 to Ab's seed = Christ  
3:21 to all who believe

### How received:

3:2,5,14,21 through faith in Christ Jesus

### Result:

3:29 belong to Christ  
3:29 heirs according to the promise  
3:29 Ab's offspring

**kept – phroureo** = to keep with a military guard; is used of (a) blocking up every way of escape as in a siege; (b) providing protection against the enemy, as a garrison

**tutor** = lit. a child leader; the idea is that of training, discipline, not of impartation of knowledge; not the instructor of the child; he exercised general supervision over him and was responsible for his moral and physical well-being; he has charge over a boy 6-16 years old

## Before faith came (v23)

v23 we were kept in custody / shut up under the Law  
v24 the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ

## Now that faith has come (v25)

v25 no longer under a tutor  
v26 all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus  
v7 sons of Abraham  
v9 blessed with Ab the believer

## Galatians

**Occasion:** In danger of following a distortion of the gospel  
– salvation by faith but perfection by the Law

**Purpose:** To counteract this accursed teaching  
To defend his apostleship  
To show the Galatians the life of liberty

### **Themes:**

Chapter 1-2 Personal: A Defense of Paul's Authority

Chapter 3-4 Doctrinal: A Defense of Justification by Faith

Chapter 5-6 Practical: A Defense of Christian Liberty

### **Chapter 3: Vindication of the Doctrine**

v1-5: By the experience of the Galatians

v6-9: By the example of Abraham

v10-12: By the effect of the Law

v13-14: By the work of Christ

v15-18: By the permanence of faith

v19-25: By the purpose of the Law

### **Chapter 4: Illustration of the Doctrine**

v1-7: A legal illustration

v8-20: A personal plea

v8-11 An appeal not to turn to legalism

v12-20 An appeal to remember their relationship

v21-31: A biblical illustration

v21-23 The historical facts

v24-27 The allegorical interpretation

v28-31 The personal application

# Abrahamic Covenant



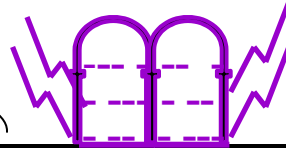
began with the final confirmation of the covenant to Jacob (Gen 46:1-4)

430 years

2000 BC

promise of a seed = Christ (Gal 3:16)

# Mosaic Covenant



1500 BC

A people separated to God by the Law

# New Covenant



AD 30

A people separated to God by the indwelling Spirit

tutor to lead us to Christ (Gal 3:24) until the seed should come (Gal 3:19)

## In the Old Covenant:

- man is given the opportunity to prove what he could do with the aid of all the means of grace which God could bestow
- man proved his own unfaithfulness + failure
- dependent on man's obedience

## In the New Covenant:

- God proved what He could do with unfaithful & feeble men when He is allowed to do all the work
- dependent on God's faithfulness for He keeps it & ensures our own keeping it

“The New Covenant provides a guarantee, not only for God's faithfulness but for man's, too. And this in no other way than by God Himself undertaking to secure man's part as well as His own ... the Holy Spirit is to be the unceasing, universal all-sufficient worker of everything that has to be wrought by the Christian.” (Andrew Murray)

Name:

Ishmael

Isaac

Mother's name:

Hagar

Sarai

Allegorically mother is a picture of

Old Covenant

New Covenant

Proceeds from:

Mt. Sinai

Mt. Zion

Children are:

Slaves

Sons, Heirs

Born according to:

The Flesh

The Spirit

Ezek 36:27 work of the H.S.  
 Rom 8:4 walk according to the Spirit = fulfill the requirements of the Law  
 Gal 5:16-18 walk by the Spirit won't carry out desires of the flesh  
 Gal 5:25 if we live by the Spirit let us also walk by the Spirit