

The New Covenant

What is the New Covenant: *The New Covenant is the redeemed relationship with God given by Jesus Christ, the Messiah, to the Apostles; and, through them, to all the world by way of announcement; The Gospel, the "Good News of Salvation."*

- Adam through a meal / Abraham through circumcision / Moses through the law / Prophets: **Jer 31:31-33**
- New covenant: new meal = Eucharist + New circumcision = baptism **Col 2:11-12** / New Law = **Rom 8:1-4**
- Moses broke first tablets and new ones in mercy seat: Jesus flesh broke and encased us in the mercy seat
 - **Matthew 28:16-20**; "*Be fruitful and multiply*" we are here b/c they obeyed; who will be here b/c of us?

What did the Messiah promise in the New Covenant: *Christ promised to bring us into the kingdom of God and give life in all its fullness.*

- **Matthew 26:26-29**: forgiveness and entrance into the kingdom: He drank on cross and with us every Sunday
- **Col 1:13-14**; not just forgiven but delivered from a power; this is why we can grow and not just repeat sin
- **Luke 23:39-43**: The new covenant delivers, forgives and enters us into a new Kingdom; Eden continued

What response did Christ require: *Christ commanded us to believe in him and to keep his commandments.*

- **Matthew 4:17**; Jesus commands that we repent
- **Matthew 22:37-40**; Love God and love neighbor = 10 commandments
- **Galatians 6:1-2**; bearing one another's burdens, not making them heavier is the "yoke/Law" of Christ

What are the commandments taught by Christ: *Christ taught us the Summary of the Law and gave us the New Commandment.*

- **John 13:34-35**: Christ wants to be seen most with us loving as He loved; to death.
- **Matthew 5-7**: Sermon on the mount = what the 10 commandments look like as "being and not doing."
- **Matthew 25**: Sheep and goats; Jesus commands us to live His life before and for others as Him

Where may we find what Christians believe about Christ: *What Christians believe about Christ is found in the Scriptures summed up in the creeds, and lived out in the Spirit's witness throughout church history.*

- The NT scriptures
- The Creeds
- The traditions of the early church: **2 Thessalonians 2:15**
 - **Confirmation = commitment the apostles teaching, breaking of bread, prayers + love of neighbor.**