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## LESSON 28: THE COVENANT OF GRACE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

### Introduction

**Main Idea:** *Out of God's great love, He covenanted to show us grace in saving us from our sins. It is one covenant, introduced in the Garden of Eden, revealed by God to Abraham, and fulfilled completely in Jesus Christ.*

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world (Hebrews 1:1-2).

### I. Origin of the Covenant of Grace

### II. Proofs the covenant of grace is the same in the Old and New Testaments

- A. The promise is the same (Gen 17:8; Rom 1:8; 1 Cor 1:3; 2 Thess. 1:1)
- B. The same kind of blessing is found in both Testaments (Psalm 51:10-12; Matt 13:44)
- C. The Bible teaches there is but one gospel (Gal 3:8; 1 Cor. 15:3)
- D. The Bible states clearly it is the same (Luke 13:28; Rom 11:16-18; Eph 2:11-13)
- E. The Bible teaches there is only one way of obtaining salvation (Hab 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Rom. 4:23-25; Acts 4:12)
- F. There is only one mediator under the two dispensations of the covenant of grace (John 5:39)

### III. Differences between the dispensations

- A. Superiority of the new over the old dispensation
  - 1. The old is mediated through the servants; the new is mediated through the Son of God (Heb 3:5-6; Dan 9:10-11)

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2. Truth in the old was partly revealed/hidden; truth in the new is clearly revealed in Christ
3. The revelation has been made more clear by the incarnation of Christ and the work of the Spirit (Heb 1:1-3)
4. In the old, revelation was mainly carnal and material; now it is entirely spiritual (Heb. 9:10-12)
5. The old was for one people only; the new is for all nations (Eph. 3:4-6)
6. The old was preparatory; the new is final
7. In the new, the Holy Spirit has been poured out (Acts 2:1-4; Heb 11:13; John 8:56)

### B. Summation of the Covenant of Grace

## IV. Final Notes

### A. The Covenant of Grace was between God and His Son

1. Jesus contracted to keep the covenant of works
2. Jesus contracted to deal with the results of the fall
3. Jesus guaranteed the performance on our part