

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS

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PART 11: THE NEW COVENANT

The first section of chapter eight is a summation of the end of the Levitical priesthood. **Hebrews 8:1-6**

Let's do a review of the following definitions:

THE ATONEMENT COVENANT

The atonement covenant was made between God and the people of Israel. **Exodus 24:1-8**

It is commonly referred to as the "first covenant" by Christians. **Hebrews 8:7**

Many Christians mistakenly combine this covenant with the land covenant God made with Abraham. **Genesis 15:13-18**

*Please see sermon RLJ-1361 for more information.*¹

THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

The Levitical priesthood is based upon the Atonement Covenant since the priests were the ones that would carry out all the required sacrifices as stated by God in the Atonement Covenant. The priests were to do the daily sacrifices, receive the tithe from the other eleven tribes and teach the Israelites the Moral Law and the Practical Law. Sadly, the majority of the Levitical priests were unable to perform the ministry they had been called to do. **Ezekiel 44:6-16**

The Levitical priesthood was set up to carry out the sacrifices. The Moral Law and the Practical Law given to Moses had nothing to do with sacrifices; instead, these laws were given to enable the nation of Israel to function as a society and are still in effect today. **Exodus 24:12-13; Matthew 5:17-19**

THE NEW COVENANT

Paul quoted from the prophet Jeremiah to convince the Jewish believers in Christ that the first covenant had been replaced with a new one. **Hebrews 8:7-11; Jeremiah 31:31-34**

This new covenant was made possible through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ as He paid for the sins of all people on this earth from Adam to the last person to be born on earth. **John 3:16-17**

This was a covenant between God the Father and God the Son which would benefit the people of Israel and all other nations on the earth. **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

¹ www.eaec.org/sermons/2012/RLJ-1361.htm



It was a spiritual covenant that would require a new birth. **John 3:1-10**

The Holy Spirit was not available under the Atonement Covenant. **John 7:37-39**

It was the Holy Spirit that would write the laws upon the hearts of the believers in Christ. **John 16:7-15**

The natural man cannot understand this new covenant. **1 Corinthians 2:7-16**

God has forgiven the believer in Christ and will overlook the sins of the believer and remember them no more. **Hebrews 8:12**

This new covenant (second covenant) has replaced the first covenant. **verse 13**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?