

The Difference Between The Covenants

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Hebrews 8 is a very important chapter in understanding the difference between the two covenants. Most religious people do not understand the difference between the two. I was reminded of this the other day when a gentleman jumped to his feet and left our study after I told him the Ten Commandments were not binding today. He failed to see the difference between what Moses (Old Testament, Law of Moses, etc.) had to say and what Jesus and the New Testament (New Law, Gospel of Christ, etc.) writers said. Let's look at the biblical distinction between the two covenants according to Hebrews 8.

First, the Old Covenant was imperfect. The inspired writer said, "For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second" (8:7). Due to the Law of Moses being an imperfect law, the occasion arose for a new and better law to be established. The ninth chapter of Hebrews tells us the author of this new and better covenant is Jesus Christ and that He brought it forth when He died on the cross (9:15-17).

Second, the New Testament (Covenant) was prophesied of by Jeremiah six hundred years before it came into existence. Verses 8-12 of chapter 8 were a direct quote from Jeremiah 31. God, through Jeremiah, stated that a day was coming in which He would institute a covenant with the house of Israel and Judah unlike the one He made with their forefathers upon their departure from Egypt (Law of Moses). Of importance to this point are vv 10-11, "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their minds, and I will write them upon their hearts. And I will be their God and they shall be My people. And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, and everyone his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' For all shall know me, from the least to the greatest of them." Paul showed the fulfillment of this prophecy in his letter to the Colossians, "And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross" (Col. 2:13-14). The Old Law held no hope for mankind. Only this new law, this better law Jesus instituted, could save us from our sins.

Third, the inspired writer declared the first covenant obsolete. "When He said, 'A new covenant,' He has made the first obsolete. But whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear" (8:13). If something is obsolete, it is no longer in use. Apart from the other passages we've considered already, this one passage (v 13) shows the Old Law is no longer in use nor needed.

The Old Testament (Law of Moses) is no longer in effect and therefore we have no need to observe it or follow it. That's not to say we can't read it or study from it because we can. There are many good lessons to be learned from those that lived under that covenant. However, it is no longer our authority or that which we must follow. Our authority is the gospel of Christ and one we are expected to follow. May God bless you as you strive to live according to the New Covenant.

NEWSLETTER

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We seek to be a place of healing and worship.

Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday Bible Class 10 to 10:45 AM

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

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Website: lasallechurchofchrist.org

Please check the website for bulletins,
House to House Heart to Heart magazine,
and other things.



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God's Word

We offer a **free** Bible Correspondence Course

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Frank Marsden Let's keep him in our prayers as he deals with medical issues.

Bill Kinney Let's keep him in our prayers as he deals with medical issues.

Butts Sumner is recovering from recent back surgery.

Jessica Alcorn She started chemo treatments again on Thursday. David is dealing with Covid and Sam has recovered from Covid.

Diane Mellott received good news from her biopsy. Test results show no cancer cells.

Jean Cameron is dealing with medical issues.

Louella Hopkins Her back is much better now.

Lisa Wheeler, Richard Wheeler's sister, is home recovering.

Marietta McArthur (Ray McArthur's mother). Let's keep her in our prayers as she deals with health issues. Ray is asking for prayers for his mother and also for the family to deal with situations involving her.

Dan Callari (from Amherst congregation). His cancer is back and he isn't doing too well.

Glen Mueller He is the preacher at the Sardinia church of Christ. Let's keep him and Edna in our prayers.

Isabella Rich (9 years old, Louella Hopkin's great niece) She came home Friday. There will be nurses coming to the house and she will be going back to the hospital in Rochester twice a week. Praise God she is doing better.

Jane Grenke, a friend of Denise Garlitz, and in her 80s, was recently involved in an auto accident and is in the trauma unit at ECMC.

Carlos Martinez is requesting prayers on behalf of his friend Kassem who has family in Palestine.

Let's pray not only for those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Please keep our loved ones and their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers.

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's pray for our shut-ins, widows and widowers, and call, send cards, and be of service.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

Let's pray for children, families, and the staff at *Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries*.

Let's pray for the work being done at Great Lakes Christian High School in Beamsville, ONT.

Let's pray for our neighbors receiving *House to House Heart to Heart* that they have receptive hearts.

Thank You from Louella Hopkins

She thanks everyone for the cards, prayers, and calls during her recovery dealing with her back.

Order of Worship

Songleader: David Schnell

Song

Call to Worship

Song

Opening Prayer

Song

Sermon

Song of Invitation

Song for Communion

Communion

Announcements

Song

Closing Prayer

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Nov. 07 Election Day

Nov. 11 Veterans Day

Nov. 12 Deadline for donation requests for Thanksgiving baskets.

Nov. 19 Thanksgiving baskets to be delivered.

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 26 Men's Business Meeting

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,347.00

Attendance Last Sunday

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back.

Thanksgiving 2023 Basket Donations

Forms are available in the back if you wish to have a basket donated to someone.

There are signup sheets on the back bulletin board to sign up to bring in items to put in the baskets.

Baskets will be delivered Sunday November 19th after morning services.

No-perishable items may be brought to the building at any time.

Perishable items should be brought to the building on Sunday November 19th.

All donation requests should be brought in by Sunday November 12th so we can have a good idea of how many baskets we will need this year.

Congratulations to Bruce & Stephanie on their wedding yesterday.



"My Bible to me is a treasure house, Where I can always find Whatever I need from day to day For heart and soul and mind." —Anonymous