

Session #4: Truth or Tradition
(The New Covenant – Part 2)

Stunning Truth #2: This God Freely Provides a Full and Perfect Salvation – Heb 10:14
(God “IN” us!)

The New Covenant Is “New” and “Better” in Every Way

- In its intent and aim – Heb 8:9
- In its fulfillment and finality – Ga 3:19; Heb 9:10; Heb 10
- In its function and provision – Heb 7:16; 1 Jo 5:11-12
(so much so the Old Covenant Has been made “obsolete” – Heb 8:13; been “abolished” – Eph 2:15)

The Central Fact of the New Covenant Is the Cross of Jesus Christ – 1 Cor 1:18,23; 2:2

- The cross is not a “correction” to creation, it is the reason for it – Rev 13:18
- The cross is the Saving Life/work of the Lord Jesus Christ – Ga 6:14
- New Covenant Life is the Crucified, Risen Life of Christ – Ro 6:4ff
 - ...dead to, liberated from what is “not God” – Ro 6:10-11
 - ...alive to, joined with what is God – Ro 6:10-11

The Consequence: A Gloriously New Creation – Jo 3:3; 11 Cor 5:17

- An eternal redemption and inheritance – Heb 9:12,15
- An eternal and internal fellowship wherein the Spirit of God is received and embodied – Col 1:27
 - ...the distinctive mark of the New Covenant: God’s indwelling Life – 11 Cor 13:5
 - ...unbreakably and indivisibly joined to the Life of God – Ro 5:10; 1 Cor 6:17; Heb 13:5; Ro 8:35ff
- No more ...sin consciousness (Heb 9:26) ...dead works (Heb 9:15) ...fear of judgment (Heb 9:27,28)

Stunning Truth #3: We May Enter into and Live by His Life...Now!

(God “THROUGH” us!)

- Everything God gives us in Christ is Livable! – Eph 4:1ff
- In Christ we have a righteous implanting – Col 1:27; Ga 2:20
 - ...not just “imputation”, but “impartation” (a personal deposit of Christ’s life – “not I, but Christ”)
– Ro 6:4
- In Christ we have a relational empowering – Eph 1:19; Col 1:29; 1 Thess 2:13; Heb 13:21
 - ...the “willing” and the “working” of God in us – Phil 2:13; Jo 6:38; 14:10,12; Jo 20:21
- In Christ we have relocated imperatives – Heb 8:10
 - ...an internal provision for obedience – Ga 5:16