***Celebrating The New Covenant***

Certainty of Salvation in the Cross of the Savior

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Luke 22:14-23

***The Plan of God to create a People drives the New Covenant.***

The context for the New Covenant is Jeremiah 30-33, where we find terms such as “in those days,” and “in the last days,” which predict an ultimate restoration of the people of God. Jeremiah 30:8-11, 18-24; 31:1-14; 23, 24, 38; 32:14, 15, 37-42; 33:6-9, etc. Gentiles are included in the New Covenant blessings through Christ as the Seed of Abraham, grafted into the people of God via the Gospel. Gen. 22:18; Eph. 2:11-22

***The Purpose of God to glorify Himself is the foundation for the New Covenant.***

The pronoun “I” is used of God ten times, and “my,” three times in Jer. 31:31-34. This covenant will be the work of God alone from beginning to end. God’s work does not mean that we are passive, but rather guarantees we will be active in faith and obedience. John 1:11-13; 6:37-40; 15:16; Acts 13:48; Ephesians 2:8-10; Romans 8:29, 30

***The Provision of God is what makes the New Covenant unbreakable.***

In contrast to the Old, the New Covenant will not be broken by the wayward acts and sins of “God’s People.” Rather, the New Covenant carries within it all that is necessary to constitute a people of God, and to keep them faithful to the covenant. Romans 8:1-4; Hebrews 8:7

***The Promises of God are the guarantees of the New Covenant.***

***He promises to internalize His Law within us.***

In contrast to stone tablets, the Law is written on the heart. The desire AND power to obey are NC gifts. Rom. 8:4-17; Titus 2:11-14

***He promises to identify us with Himself.***

Our new birth and adoption by God guarantee that we will bear God’s image, and inherit all of the covenant blessings through the presence of His Spirit. Ezek. 36:24-28; John 3:1-8; Rom. 8:9-11, 14-17, 29

***He promises to forgive all our sins completely and forever.***

The New Covenant provides the sacrifice of Christ which dealt with sin once and for all at the cross. Hebrews 9:11-15; 10:1-4, 10-14

***The Passion of Christ, pictured in the Cup, seals the New Covenant.***

In the Last Supper, Jesus transforms Passover into a memorial for the His shed blood and broken body. Luke 22:14-23

***The Lord’s Supper is a simple memorial meal of elements that show how God has fulfilled His New Covenant promises to forgive our sins and create a people for His name through His indwelling Spirit.***

Titus 1:1-3; Hebrews 13:20, 21.

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1. The Lord’s Supper reminds us that God, in Christ, has provided EVERYTHING we need to become His children. Have you trusted Him completely rather than your good deeds? Titus 3:5, 6

2. The Lord’s Supper reminds us that Jesus will return, a motivation to purify ourselves to live godly lives in a wicked age through His Spirit. Are you living as if He could return today? 1 John 3:1-3