

The New Constitution

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Hebrews 7:27-8:13.

B. Jesus Christ can only be understood in light of the cross.

II. Understanding the cross opens up a new dimension of ministry.

A. Christ became both priest and sacrifice because there was no one else worthy.

B. The cross is timeless and contemporary.

1. It is the central act of history.

2. This is a new dimension that is always meaningful.

C. The results of the perfect sacrifice are being continually ministered to the believer in the proper sanctuary.

1. We can enjoy the realm of matter but we cannot enjoy the realm of the Spirit—only Jesus, man's high priest, can enter into this "Holy of Holies."

2. Only through Jesus can man enter into the realm where the secrets of life are held.

3. Man penetrates into this secret area of his own being through the cross.

4. The cross affects a person physically, emotionally and spiritually.

D. God makes a New Covenant with us by writing the law on human hearts.

1. Man was never intended to keep the law by himself.

2. The fundamental problem is a problem of motivation—God gives us a new power to do what needs to be done.

3. In the New Covenant, the believer belongs to God forever and knows Him.

Application questions:

1. What do you think it means that the cross is "the central act of history?"

2. Why is the cross needed? Why is the law insufficient in itself?

3. What is the “proper sanctuary,” and why is it important that Jesus enter it for us? Explain.
