

The New Covenant is Superior to the Old.

Whether it is old or new, a covenant establishes a relationship between God and human beings. The nature of that relation is determined by the divine word that establishes the covenant, whether it is conditioned by demands or given by unconditioned promise. ~Mark Seifrid *The Pillar New Testament Commentary: The Second Letter to the Corinthians*, page 121

1. The new covenant is superior because it is

on _____ not _____.

• Jeremiah 31:33

2. The new covenant is superior because it is

based on _____ not _____.

• James 2:10, Galatians 3:24, Romans 7:9-10, Hebrews 7:19, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 11:6

God created the law as a tool to instruct and bring about a knowledge of sin. The law allows the sinner to see their complete failure and need for a savior. ... the law is a good tool created by God but ... the law was never meant to be a way of salvation. ~Martyn Lloyd-Jones sermon on Romans 7:12-13

3. The new covenant is superior because it

gives _____ it does not _____.

That the Corinthians are so “written” implies an unqualified remaking, a rewriting of their person and life by God the Creator. As Paul later says expressly, “If someone is in Christ, there is a new creation”. ~Mark Seifrid *The Pillar New Testament Commentary: The Second Letter to the Corinthians*, page 113-114.



• Romans 8:2, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:1, 5

Being “in Christ” is nothing less than being made alive. ... This is a total spiritual change. ... Being in Christ brings a radical reorientation – a movement from external righteousness to inward righteousness ~R. Kent Hughes, *Ephesians: The Mystery of the Body of Christ*. Page 42

If people really see that Christ has removed the fear of punishment from them by taking it into Himself, they won't do whatever they want, they'll do whatever He wants. Attributed to John Bunyan

➤ Do I fear the punishment and death the old covenant brings or because of the new do I desire to do what God wants?

4. The new covenant is superior because it provides

_____ not _____.

• Romans 8:1, 1 Corinthians 5:21

➤ Justification means – Just as if I had never sinned. Just as if I had always obeyed. Just as if I had always lived a life of perfect righteousness.

5. The new covenant is superior because it is

_____ not _____.

• Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 8:7, 13, Matthew 5:17, Jeremiah 32:38, 40, Hebrews 10:11-12, 14, 18

Like Paul do we _____ to the new superior covenant or write our own recommendation?

