

Redemption Through the Scriptures

Gaining a Clearer Picture of Christ and His Saving Work

#2 The Purpose for Redemption

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Review: The 'Me' plan versus the 'God' plan

- Me Plan: "God saved me so I could go to heaven."

The 'Me'
Plan

The God
Plan

- God Plan: "God saved me to restore me to Himself and help me serve Him."

The Meaning of Redemption

The Program The Purchase The Pleasure



"I want it!"

"I paid for it!"

"I'll enjoy it!"

Two actions:

Payment - agreed upon price

Exchange - transfer

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Weaknesses of the Old Covenant

"This may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children but the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother" (Galatians 4:24-26 ESV).

- Note Paul's summary of the two covenants.
- **Old Covenant**
Hagar on Mt. Sinai of Arabia represents the **Old Covenant** with her children of slavery.
- **New Covenant**
Sarah on Mt. Zion of Jerusalem represents the New Covenant with her children of **freedom**.

The old covenant had good points but man's sin kept him from its benefits.

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Looking for a new covenant

"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people" (Jeremiah 31:31-33).

- What is it that God wants in His relationship with His people?
"But this is the covenant which I will make..."
- "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it.
- "I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

God's purposed and open intentions are revealed by His actions.

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Describing the new covenant

9 Not like the covenant which I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; for they did not continue in my covenant, and I did not care for them, says the Lord. **10** 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. **11** 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. **12** For I will be merciful to their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more" (Heb 8:8-12).

The difference is remarkable. Improvements lead us to deeper appreciation.

Discover how the Old and New Covenants differed.

8:8	"I will establish a new covenant"
8:9	Forced, rebellious > obedient & fun
8:10	Laws on stone > laws on hearts
8:11	Largely estranged > all shall know 'Me'
8:12	Sins were hindrance > no memories of sin

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Reaching God's goals (John 15)

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing" (John 15:4-5).

- Intimate fellowship: "Abide in Me, and I in you."
- Joint projects: "He who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit."
- There are two immediate purposes in God's relationship with His people: Intimate fellowship (friendship) and joint projects born out of intimacy.

"He who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit" (John 15:5).

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a passion for good deeds

The heart desire
to please God

Daily joint projects
with the Father

Close friendship

Do things together

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