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God's New Covenant

When God said, *"I will make a new covenant..."* Jeremiah 31:31, He was very clear as to what this *"New Covenant"* would be. It would not be like the Ten Commandments written on stone, or the Law of Moses written on parchment. God said, *"But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people."* Jeremiah 31:33. This prophecy of the *"New Covenant"* is quoted twice in the book of Hebrews as the prophetic basis for our salvation in Christ Jesus. Hebrews 8:8-12, 10:15-17.

God said in this New Covenant he would put his law in a person's *"inward parts"* and *"write it in their heart."* This speaks of a change of nature. The Apostle Paul, sharing his experience preaching Christ to the Gentiles, confirms this, saying, *"For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, ... shew the work of the law written in their hearts..."* Romans 2:14-15. These Gentiles were so transformed by the power of Christ that even though they had no *"law,"* they naturally did the things contained in God's law.

Paul said this *“showed ...the work of the law written in their hearts...”* With this statement, Paul is declaring that these Gentiles had been brought into God’s *“New Covenant.”*

The Apostle Paul again confirms this message of God’s law written in our hearts when he describes a believer as being an *“...epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; **not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.**”* ||

Corinthians 3:3. When this *“epistle of Christ”* is written in the *“fleshy tables of the heart”* it fulfills God’s promise of writing his law in our hearts.

Many people balk when you tell them that true salvation changes a person’s nature. Yet the Apostle Peter says the same thing, telling us that by the *“great and precious promises”* of Christ we are *“...**partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**”* || Peter 1:4. When Christ comes into us, he both takes and gives. He *“takes away our sin”* | John 3:5 and he gives us his *“divine nature.”*

In his letter to the Galatians, the Apostle Paul tells how vastly different the desires of one who walks in the *“New Covenant”* (which he calls *“the Spirit”*) are from the desires of a person who walks in law of carnal religion (which he calls *“the flesh”*). He said, *“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary (opposite) the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”* Galatians 5:17. **The desires of “the Spirit”**

are so different and opposite from the desires of *“the flesh”* that it is not possible for those who walk in Christ to do the things they would do if they were still walking in *“the flesh.”* What *“the flesh”* produces Paul calls *“the works of the flesh,”* but what *“the Spirit”* produces he calls *“the fruit of the Spirit.”* These are totally opposite of each other. They are as different as night and day. One is the nature of Christ, and the other is the nature of *“the Serpent.”* No one has both. This is God’s *“New Covenant!”*