

## **CHRIST: MEDIATOR OF THE NEW COVENANT**

1. Text: Hebrews 9:15-18
2. The word mediator appears six times in the New Testament (Galatians 3:19,20; I Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 8:6; 9:15; 12:24). Our last two lessons dealt with I Timothy 2:5. This lesson will deal with the Hebrews passages. They each affirm Christ is the mediator of the new covenant.
3. A mediator is one who works between two parties that may or may not be in conflict to lead them to an arrangement or agreement. The focus here is not on conflict but on the arrangement or covenant.

### **I. Hebrews 8:6**

1. Context 8:6-13
2. Mediator of better covenant (than old) on what better promises? See long quotation from Jeremiah 31:31-34 in verses 8-12.
3. Verse 7: The need for a second or new one there because the first given by Moses was faulty. See Galatians 3:19-20.
4. The new covenant was totally different, not renewed or reworked. (See 8-9)
5. Three great advantages: First, God's laws would be in their hearts and minds. (verse 10)
6. Second, all will know God personally. (verse 11)
7. Third, they will receive mercy and their sins will not be remembered. (verse 12)
8. The word "new" makes the first obsolete. (verse 13)

### **II. Hebrews 9:15**

1. Context: 9:15-18
2. The death of the mediator is the focus: "by means of death"
3. Retroactive: His death made forgiveness possible for those under the first covenant.
4. Diatheke means covenant or arrangement, but also will or testament. In verses 16-17 it means will or testament.
5. If a testament is made, the death of the one who made it has to occur.
6. This is critically important for the new covenant. Think of the thief on the cross. (Luke 23:39-43)
7. The first covenant was dedicated with blood (verse 18) See Exodus 24:6-8.
8. The Lord's supper represents that Word of Christ's new covenant. See Luke 22:20.

### **III. Hebrews 12:24**

1. Context: 12:22-24
2. Verse 18 "You have not come" to the old covenant's Mt. Sinai; Verse 22 "You have come" to Mt. Zion, called heavenly Jerusalem.
3. Corrected to innumerable angels, general or festive assembly, church of first born (honored ones) registered in heaven (See Philippians 4:3), to God the Judge, and to those who have reached there final covenant.
4. Have come to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant.
5. Blood of the new covenant that speaks of forgiveness and mercy, not as Abel's blood would cry out for vengeance. (See Genesis 4:10)

Conclusion:

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