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Israel was unfaithful to THIS covenant!

Jer. 11:6-10

Our Foundation:

And the Lord said to me, "Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, 'Hear the words of this covenant and do them.

7 'For I solemnly warned your fathers in the day that I brought them up from the land of Egypt, even to this day, cwarning persistently, saying, "Listen to My voice."

8 'Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked, each one, in the stubbornness of his evil heart; therefore I brought on them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them to do, but they did not.*' "

9 Then the Lord said to me, "A conspiracy has been found among the men of Judah and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

10 They have turned back to the iniquities of their ancestors who refused to hear My words, and they have gone after other gods to serve them; the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers."

A NEW covenant promised

Jer. 31:31-34

Hebrews 8:7-12

Hebrews 8:7-12 ⁷ For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, there would have been no occasion sought for a second.

⁸ For finding fault with them, He says, "Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, When I will effect a new covenant With the house of Israel and with the house of Judah;

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 on their hearts. And I will be their God, And they shall be My people.

¹¹ "And they shall not teach everyone his fellow citizen, And everyone his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' For all will 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."

Jesus IS the mediator of this new covenant

Heb. 8:6

Hebrews 9:15-16

Hebrews 9:15-16 ¹⁵ For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

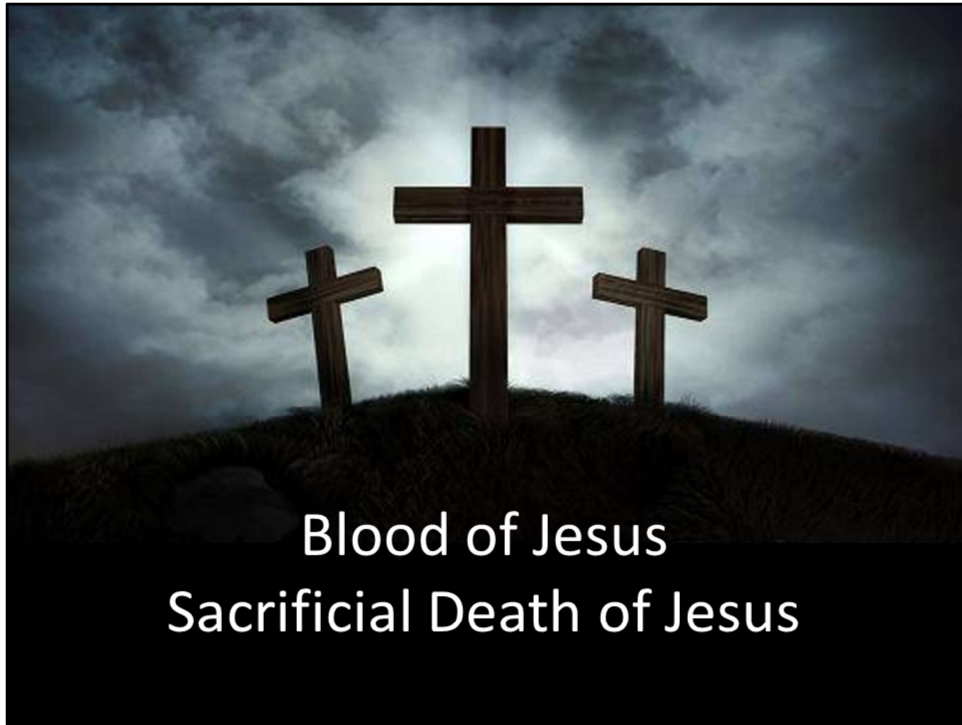
¹⁶ For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it.

→ We have come to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant – Heb. 12:22-24

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Hebrews 12:22-24 ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, ²³ to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of *the* righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than *the blood* of Abel.

→ Blood = the sacrificial death of Jesus... needed for the covenant, the appointed sacrifice,



Blood of Jesus
Sacrificial Death of Jesus

“This is the blood of the covenant...” Matt. 26:28



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There are contingencies, applications, consequences...

→ God will be faithful!

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1. That is is nature –
2. That is HIS response to covenants!

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→ WE are to be faithful

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Matt. 28:18-20; Rev. 2:10

Matthew 28:18-20 ¹⁸ And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Rev. 2:10 – be thou FAITHFUL unto death...

→ We are to be HOLY -

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1Peter 1:14-19; 2 Cor. 6:14-18

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14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours in your ignorance*,

15 but alike the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your behavior*;

16 because it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

17 If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay *on earth*;

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood of Christ*.

2 Cor. 6:14-18

→ We are to be TRANSFORMED - Rom. 12:1-2

We are to be transformed from the world

Rom. 12:1-2

Romans 12:1-2 ¹Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

→ We are to have crucified our old self – Rom. 6



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Romans 6:3-4 ³ Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

⁴ Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

Romans 6:11-12 ¹¹ Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,



