

## Inside OUT I P4

### New Covenant LIFE



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1. Intro: We are building – Looking at the New Covenant – Repeating and building [4 R's] Heart and vision this year I Inside OUT

Looked at: Thankfulness New Covenant Perk #1 | Sacrifice | Communion New Covenant Perks #2 | God's faithful

#### 2. New Covenant Perks #3 | Covenant of Life

2.1 Intro:

Reminder: A covenant is a type of relationship that is shaped by promises made to each other. These promises are held as sacred and binding, even to the point of death.

A Covenant fosters trust and longevity of such a relationship. Covenant is the nature and basis of our relationship with God. Covenant God. It's beautiful and not hard and cold.

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- Promises He promise to be our God, protect etc
   Out of Hebrews 9:11-28
  - a. cleanse us from our sins
  - b. purify our conscience
  - c. enable us to serve God
  - d. give us an eternal inheritance

#### [Gives us LIFE, ZOE LIFE]

Sacrifice – last week: Christ paid
 Sign – His Spirit





#### **Covenant of Life**

#### The Life giving covenant

John 14:6 (NIV) Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. His blood established the New Covenant -

2.1 Fallen State Dichotomy [Contradiction] We are all dying but we all try so hard to live I Choose sin, death



#### 2.2 Rules and Law for Life:

The grace of the New Covenant – gives rules and enables us to live by them

#### **Romans 8 (HCSB) The Life-Giving Spirit**

1 Therefore, no condemnation now exists for those in Christ Jesus, 2 because the Spirit's law of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 What the law could not do since it was limited by the flesh, God did. He condemned sin in the flesh by sending His own Son in flesh like ours under sin's domain, and as a sin offering, 4 in order that the law's requirement would be accomplished in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.



5 For those who live according to the flesh think about the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, about the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set of the Spirit is life and peace.

#### Romans 8 (MSG) The Solution Is Life on God's Terms

8 1-2 With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.



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3-4 God went for the jugular when he sent his own Son. He didn't deal with the problem as something remote and unimportant. In his Son, Jesus, he personally took on the human condition, entered the disordered mess of struggling humanity in order to set it right once and for all. The law code, weakened as it always was by fractured human nature, could never have done that.

The law always ended up being used as a Band-Aid on sin instead of a deep healing of it. And now what the law code asked for but we couldn't deliver is accomplished as we, instead of redoubling our own efforts, simply embrace what the Spirit is doing in us.



#### 2.3 Our Sources:

Our ways / Watering Holes / Rules and Containers:

So we KNOW:

- 1. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life
- 2. God's New Covenant still gives us rules to live by but it will lead to life

YET, do we seek OUT JESUS and THE SPIRIT'S LAW OF LIFE?



#### **2.3.1** See what God says in His Word:

**Jeremiah 2:13** ...for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Jeremiah 17:12 A glorious throne set on high from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary. 13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you shall be put to shame; those who turn away from you shall be written in the earth, for they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living water.

#### Let's talk Cisterns and Sources



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