



Jesus Made the New Covenant **Jeremiah 31:29-34, John 1:17**

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
(Jeremiah 31:33—ESV).

Jesus Christ fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah in ways no one could have imagined in Jeremiah's day. This shows one of the ways God reveals truth. God promised to make a new covenant through Israel that would bless everyone around the world, but no one at the time imagined God's new covenant would bless Jews and Gentiles. Jeremiah's prophecy included the promise that God would put His law within people, and those who had God's law written on their hearts were God's people. No one knew how God would do that until after God sent His only begotten Son into the world. No one knew that God's Son would need to suffer and die on a cross and rise from the dead before God's law could be put within someone. But the New Testament reveals what this would involve. Jesus did not come with a new rule book or new laws to inscribe on human hearts. He came to put the Law of Love into our hearts through His very presence within us. Jesus Christ came as grace upon grace, as grace and truth, and Jesus Christ puts the Law of God within God's people, those who receive Jesus and believe in Him. God put the Holy Spirit within His children to live within them. When Jesus died on the cross, God the Father arranged for our forgiveness. When Jesus died as the Lamb of God, God the Father arranged for Jesus to take away our sins and forgive us, and God would also forget that we ever sinned. Only grace upon grace could do all this for us. By grace through faith, Christians now follow Jesus as He works within them so they can do the wise and right things in expressing their love to God and for others. The Holy Spirit gives God's children the guidance, power, gifts, and fruits to do all these things. As followers of Jesus Christ, the law of God is written on our hearts by the very presence of the Father, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit within us.