

Old/New Covenant and the death of Christ on the Cross

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Assertions/Conclusions of this article

Here we will show that Jesus' death on the cross was for the purpose of setting the New Covenant into motion and that the old covenant was simply ended by default. Meaning that Jesus didn't die to end the old, but to begin the new.

Supporting Evidence

Firstly let us deal with Jesus death and what it was actually for...what it was designed to accomplish. Remember, these are only metaphorical examples given, not perfect analogies by any means, but merely meant to help explain how these things work.

Lets look to Hebrews...

And for this cause He is the Mediator of the new covenant, so that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, those who are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a covenant is, the death of him covenanting must be offered. For a covenant is affirmed over those dead, since it never has force when The one covenanting is living.

From which we see that neither was the first covenant dedicated without blood. (Heb 9:15-18)

As we see in this passage, the covenant works just like a will. It takes effect upon the death of the testator, not before. Jesus' death, the purpose of it, was to set the new covenant into motion. Until His death the old covenant was still in effect according to what we see presented there in Hebrews.

Now lets look at what happened to the old covenant when the new covenant was set into motion.

When someone has a Will it has certain parameters within that will, who will get what for the most part. But lets say we want to make a new Will with new and better principles. What we would do is simply write this new Will and it would take precedence over the older one, not destroying the old, but simply making it obsolete.

Lets look to Hebrews again.

In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away. (Heb 8:13)

The words 'old' and 'decayeth' there mean to declare obsolete.

G3822

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From G3820; to make (passively become) worn out, or declare obsolete: - decay, make (wax) old.

A more accurate rendering would be...

In that He says, "A new covenant, " He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away. (Heb 8:13)

When Jesus died on the cross, what happened to the old covenant is simply that it was replaced by the new becoming effective by Jesus death on the cross.

Just like if I died with a Will written last week, the one that was written 2 years ago would simply be 'outdated' and would be the same...obsolete/void.

Jesus death on the cross basically was His dying to set His 'Last Will and Testament' into motion, thereby effectively making the old covenant obsolete because it was no longer in effect being replaced by the New covenant.

How this information ties into our views

This writing was to show what exactly Christ's death did...how it affected the old covenant and set the new covenant into motion.