

NEW COVENANT FORGIVENESS

Our last study of (Heb.10:15-18) was entitled “Establishing New Covenant Doctrines”, in this study we will cover another New Covenant doctrine; and how it functions differently under the New Covenant than it did under the Old Covenant.

There is no Greek verb in (Heb.10:18). It works off the Greek sentence of (Heb.10:15-17) and the verb (to rheo/ perf.a.infin) [“for after saying”] [The Holy Spirit] (Heb.10:15, 17) quoting (Jer.31:33-34) for New Covenant doctrines).

(Heb.10:18/ **no verb**). “**Now** (explanatory conjunction/ de/ Holy Spirit teaching an important New Covenant doctrine/ Forgiveness) **where** (hopou/ local conjunction) ~~there is~~ **forgiveness** (aphesis/ nsf) [KJB remission/ dismiss, release] **of these things** (houtos/ gplf) [Old Covenant offerings], ~~There is~~ **no longer** (ouketi) [neg. temporal conjunction] **any offering** (prophora/ nsf) **for** (peri+gen. in reference to) **sin** (hamartia/ gsf).”

These three conjunctions become important in the absence of a verb. They direct attention to the thoughts of the writer – “Forgiveness in reference to sin.”

We will study four aspects of the superiority of New Covenant Forgiveness over Old Covenant forgiveness.

1. The Greek word for forgiveness is aphasis.

It is a Greek compound word (apo) [away from] and (hiemi) [to send] = to send away from

In the New Covenant, it means to be released, pardoned, and forgiven completely from an unpardonable debt of sin:

- Adam’s Original Sin The penalty of sin
- Our Old Sin Nature The power of our sin-nature

Complete forgiveness from the penalty of Adam’s Original Sin is secured for every believer by the redemptive work of Jesus Christ (Eph.1:7-8; Col.1:13-14; Acts 26:18)

Pardoned from [the 13 judicial charges](#) of Adam’s Original Sin.

Complete forgiveness from the power of our sin-nature is secured by:

- Walking by means of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Rom.6:12-23; 8:1-8; Gal.5:16-17)

And restoration from carnality to fellowship with God:

- Through confession of sin (1 Cor.3:1-3; 1 John 1:7-9).

(Heb.10:17)

“I remember their sin no more.”

2. Because there is no verb in (Heb.10:18) the Greek word for WHERE, (hopou) is translated as a local conjunction and used metaphorically in reference to New Covenant forgiveness

- **The where** of (Heb.10:18) is (Jer.31:33-34) and the New Covenant.
 - **The where** of the New Covenant is the completion of Redemption.
 - **The where** of completion of redemption is the complete forgiveness of sin.
 - **The where** of complete forgiveness of sin brings God's promise:

(Heb.10:17)

“And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

(Heb.7:27) “Who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, **because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.**”

The blood of Jesus Christ (Heb.9:12-15; 1 Cor.11:25)

3. God promised every New Covenant believer that their sins are completely forgiven and completely forgotten! (Heb.10:17; Jer.31:34).

(Heb.10:10) “By this will (Heb.10:9) we have been sanctified (perf.p.ptcnplm) through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all.**”

(Heb.10:12) “But He having offered one sacrifice for sins **for all time**, sat down at the right hand of God.”

(Heb.10:14) “For by one offering He has perfected **for all time those who are sanctified.**”

(Heb.9:26) “Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; **but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.**”

Wuest makes an important New Covenant doctrinal conclusion from (Heb.10:18).

“He says that in view of the fact that sin has been paid for, there is no more need of the constant repetition of sacrificial offering. And that is exactly what the writer is attempting to instill in the minds and hearts of his readers, namely, that the New Testament in Jesus blood is superior to and takes place of the First Testament (Old Covenant) in animal blood.” (Word Studies in the Greek New Testament by Wuest, pg.177-178)

4. New Covenant forgiveness of sin (Adam's Original Sin) is given once and forever to everyone who believes the gospel of grace salvation in Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9)

(Acts 10:43) “Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name **everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins.**”

(Eph.1:7) “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the **forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.**”